

Don't FOG the Pipes This Holiday Season

Can the Grease

Pouring grease from meal preparation down household drains can cause major damage to plumbing and even clog sewer mains and laterals. Fats, oils and grease (FOG) collects on the inner walls of pipes. FOG build-up causes blockages that can prevent in sanitary sewer overflows that have the potential to impact public health and the environment. To dispose of FOG responsibly, please follow these simple steps:

- Before cooking, find an empty, heat-safe container like a soup can. After cooking, allow the oil to cool and scrape it into the container. Mix it with any other absorbent material like coffee grounds, paper towel, or even kitty litter. Discard the container into the trash.
- Before washing dishes, use a paper towel to wipe all leftover food scraps and remaining grease into the garbage.
- Avoid pouring fatty substances such as shortening, butter, margarine, lard, dairy, salad dressing and sauces into garbage disposals. Instead, put them into the trash. When washing dishes, use a sink strainer to catch food waste.
- If you have gallons of turkey-frying oil to dispose of, recycle the substances at your local waste collection facility.

