

PREVENTING FATS, OILS AND GREASES FROM CAUSING SEWER BLOCKAGES THAT CAN DAMAGE YOUR HOME AND THE ENVIRONMENT IS EVERYONES BUSINESS

Grease is a byproduct of cooking and is often washed into the sewer through the kitchen sink. Grease causes problems in the sewer because it sticks to the inside of the pipes and builds up. This build up gives a place for other products to stick to and contributes to sewer blockages. These blockages are preventable with your help.



Place grease and food particles in the trash not the drain to help prevent sewer overflows.

Grease is hazardous to your health, your sewer and your septic tank.

Please allow cooking grease to cool prior to handling to prevent burns and fires

GREASE COMES FROM MANY SOURCES IN THE HOME

- Meat fats
- Lard
- Cooking Oils
- Butter and Margarine
- Food Scraps
- Baking Goods
- Sauces
- Dairy Products
- Shortening

Contrary to popular belief garbage disposals do not destroy or prevent grease blockages. They allow the solids to pass through your drain and collect further down the sewer line.

Detergents do not destroy grease, they mix with the grease and allow it to be removed from the pan but the grease gets released when the detergent has been expended and forms on the walls of the pipes further down the sewer line.

The only effective ^{WAY} to prevent the negative impact of grease in the sewer (your own septic system or the County's public collection system) is to remove as much as possible before you wash your dishes.

A quick scrape of pots, pans and dishes prior to washing can greatly help to prevent the release of untreated sewage into the environment from sewer overflows and failed septic systems.

POTENTIAL COST SAVINGS TO HOMEOWNERS BY ELIMINATING GREASE FROM THE SEWER

- Cost of hiring a plumber to repair or replace clogged sewer lines in the home.
- Cost of clean up or repair of home damaged by grease including carpet, drywall and flowing damage.
- Cost of repair or replacement of a failed septic system or drain field.
- Cost of landscaping to deal with plumbing and drain field excavations
- Limited access to areas potentially impacted by raw sewage overflow from blocked sewer lines that grease helped to create.

Indirect Savings to rate payers

- County response to sewer overflows
- County maintenance of problem areas due to excess grease
- County clean up costs for overflow sites
- Cost of regulatory concerns fines
- Cost of negative publicity due to overflows



