



Blocked residential plumbing & sewer pipes

Keeping the City of Saint Charles sewer system flowing properly requires the assistance of every resident. Liquefied fat, oil or grease (FOG) is often washed or poured down the kitchen sink. This can cause serious impacts within your homes plumbing and the City sewer system. FOG clings to the insides of pipes and over time, it will build up and completely block pipes. Wastewater that cannot move freely through the sewer system, can back up into your home causing damage, unsanitary conditions and expensive repairs.



A little is a lot over time

No amount of oil should be poured down the kitchen sink. Not even running boiling water down the sink will dissolve fat and grease - it does not work. When washing pots and pans, wipe them clean and put used FOG into a sealable container.

Follow these steps for managing FOG in your kitchen

- Do** wipe and scrape plates and utensils before washing (and put the waste into the bin)
- Do** collect waste oil in a suitable sealable container
- Do** dispose of your sealable container with your household trash
- Do** use strainers in sinks (and empty contents into the trash bin)
- Do not** put waste cooking oil, fat or grease down the sink
- Do not** put food scrapings into the sink (place in the rubbish bin)
- Do not** pour boiling hot water down the sink to try to dissolve fat & grease - it does not work.



These simple guidelines will significantly help to maintain free flowing waste water within your home and the City sewer system.

CONTROL THE FOG

FATS OILS GREASE



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CHECKLIST TO CONTROL THE FOG



Before washing, use a paper towel or napkin to wipe FOG from dishes and dispose of it in the trash



Prewash dishes with cold water



Use baskets / strainers in sink drains to catch food waste and other solids



Pour cooled fats, oils and grease into a container (such as an empty metal coffee can) and put it in the trash



Put food scraps in the trash, not through the garbage disposal



Talk with friends and neighbors about proper disposal of grease and food scraps



Large amounts of grease can be taken to a recycler or rendering company (rather than being placed in the trash)

WHERE DOES GREASE COME FROM?

- Cooking Oil, Lard, Shortening, Butter and Margarine
- Meat fats such as pork, salmon, beef and lamb
- Baking Goods such as batters and icing
- Dairy products such as sour cream
- Dressings and Sauces
- Food scraps
- Mayonnaise
- Gravy



Dispose these items in the trash, not down the drain.