



Don't Put Fats, Oils, and Grease Down the Drain.

When fats, oils, and grease are put down your drain they can cause many problems further down the sewer pipe. Liquified grease and fat will solidify and clog pipes. Blockages may cause a sewage backup into your home, resulting in expensive clean up costs and repairs to your sewer pipes, home, and belongings.

Blockages may also trigger an overflow or backup of sewage into streets or waterways creating a public health risk and threatening the environment.

Here's what you can do to help:

- Do not pour grease products down sink drains or into toilets. Grease products include meat, fats, lard, cooking oil, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, baking goods, sauces, and dairy products.
- Soak up grease after frying with paper towels and put into the trash.
- Pour larger amounts of used cooking grease into a container with a lid. Refrigerate to harden, and then place in the trash.
- Be cautious of chemicals and commercial additives (including soaps and detergents) that claim to dissolve grease. Some of these additives simply pass grease down pipes where it can clog the sewer lines.
- Don't flush any kind of wipe down the toilet. This gives grease something to cling to and build up more quickly.
- Never pour motor oil down the drain! This is illegal.
- Speak with friends and neighbors about the problem of grease in the sewer system and how to keep it out.

FOG MYTH:
Running hot water and soap or degreaser down the drain will stop fats, oils and grease from hardening inside the pipe.



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