

Fat-Free Sewers

Prevent Fats, Oils, and Greases from Damaging Your Home and the Environment



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Keep Sewers Fat Free

Fats, oils, and greases (FOG) aren't just bad for arteries and waistlines; they're bad for sewers, too! A common cause of sewer backups and overflows is FOG clogging the pipes.

Grease from cooking with meat fats, lard, oils, shortening, butter, margarine, and other fatty products needs to be kept out of your drain. FOG can build up and clog pipes in your home and the public sewer, leading to costly repairs for you and potential health hazards to your family and neighbors.

Prevent FOG in your pipes by following these simple tips:

- Never pour fats, oils, or greases (especially bacon grease) down sink drains, toilets, street gutters, or storm drains.
- Pour into a container, seal, and place in the trash (or recycle where available).
- Use a sink strainer to collect food scraps, and then dispose of scraps in the trash.
- Wipe pots, pans, and dishes with dry paper towels before rinsing or washing them; then throw away the paper towels.
- Spread the word by speaking with your family, friends, and neighbors about how to keep FOG out of sewers.



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