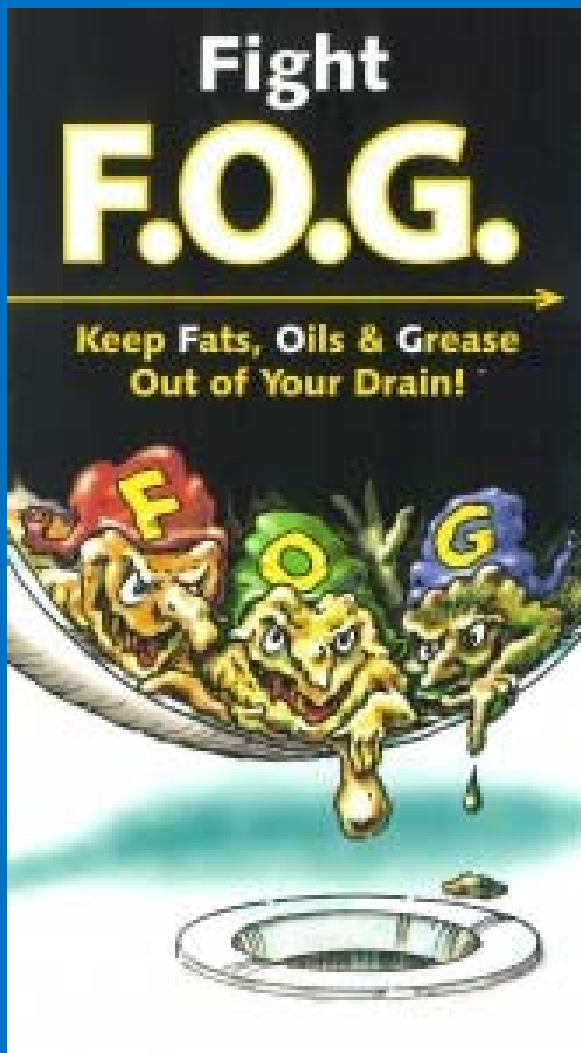


# Tips to Prevent Clogged Pipes and Sewer Blockage



F.O.G. is an acronym for Fats, Oils and Grease, and refers to cooking products. When FOG is dumped down the drain, it forms large, thick grease balls that clog the pipes. Clogged pipes can result in sewer backups and spills, creating environmental problems or even flooded homes and businesses. Commercial food handling facilities contribute greatly to FOG build-up in our sewer lines because of the amount of grease used in cooking and other food prep work. Preventing sewer backups from FOG blockages also saves money. When sewer pipes back up on private property, the homeowner or business owner is responsible for the cleanup.



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“CAN” the Grease to Protect your Home, Business and the Environment

Fats, oils and grease, known collectively as FOG, represent the most serious enemy of our sewer lines.

- Butter
- Cooking Oil
- Grease
- Food Scraps
- Lard
- Margarine
- Meat scraps
- Shortening

The sink should never be the end zone for **fats, oils or grease**.

Instead, make the right call to dispose of them properly:



### Do's

Recycle used cooking oil or properly dispose of it by pouring it into a sealable container and placing the container in the trash.

To recycle large amounts, such as what's left over from frying a turkey, contact a local recycler by looking in the yellow pages under "Greases" or "Rendering". If you have a lot of oil to dispose of, use clay cat litter. Just mix the litter, a little at a time, into the oil. When all of the oil has been absorbed, pour the cat litter into a trash bag, seal the bag, then dispose of in your regular trash.

Scrape food scraps into the trash, not the sink.

Wipe pots, pans, and dishes with dry paper towels before rinsing or washing them. Then throw away the paper towels.

Place a catch basket or screen over the sink drain when rinsing dishware, or when peeling or trimming food to catch small scraps that would otherwise be washed down the drain. Throw the scraps in the trash.

Rinse dishes and pans with cold water before putting them in the dishwasher. Hot water melts the fats, oils and grease (FOG) off the dishes and into the sewer pipes. Later on in the sewer, the hot water will cool and the FOG will clog the pipes.

### Don'ts

Don't use a garbage disposal or food grinder. Grinding up food before rinsing it down the drain does not remove FOG; it just makes the pieces smaller. Even non-greasy food scraps can plug your home's sewer lines. So, don't put food of any kind down the drain.

Don't pour cooking oil, pan drippings, bacon grease, salad dressings, or sauces down the sink or toilet, or into street gutters or storm drains.

Don't use cloth towels or rags to scrape plates or clean greasy or oily dishware. When you wash them, the grease will end up on the sewer.

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### "COOL IT"



### "THROW IT AWAY"



# Sewer Blockage Formation



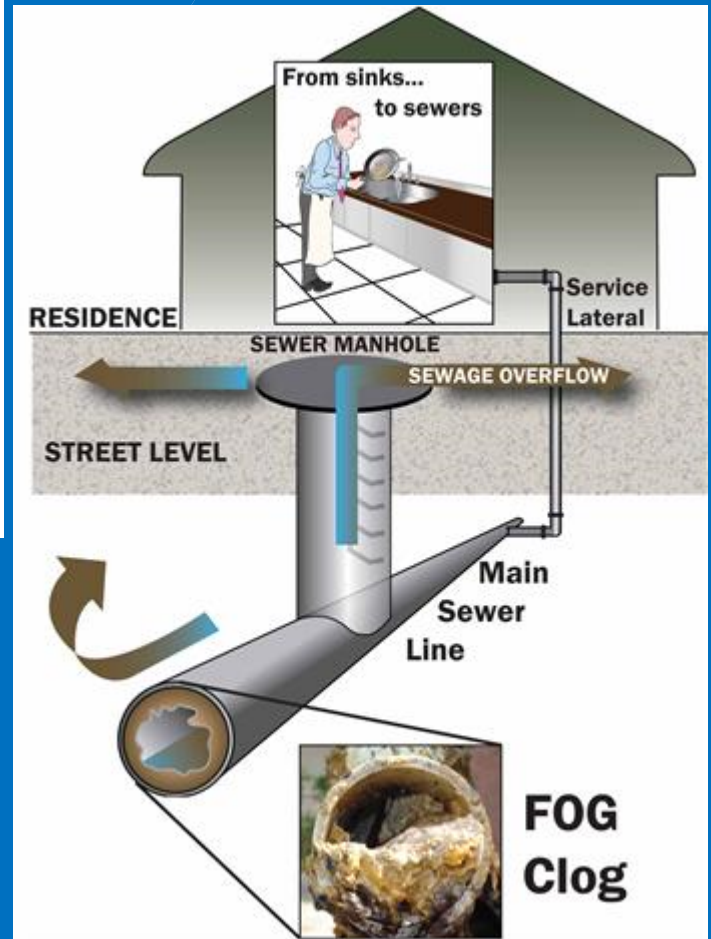
The start of a blocked pipe begins when grease and solids collect on the top and sides of the pipe interior.



The build-up increases over time when grease and other debris are washed down the drain.



Excessive accumulation will restrict the flow of wastewater and can result in a sanitary sewer overflow.



<h2>FATS</h2>	<h2>OILS</h2>	<h2>GREASE</h2>
<p><i>Solid at room temperature</i></p>	<p><i>Liquid at room temperature</i></p>	<p><i>Turns to liquid during cooking, but solidifies when cooled</i></p>
<p>Butter, shortening, margarine Peanut butter Meat trimmings Uncooked poultry skin Dairy: Cheeses, milk, cream, sour cream, ice cream</p>	<p>Vegetable oil Canola oil Olive oil Corn oil Salad dressings Cooking oils</p>	<p>Gravy Mayonnaise Melted meat fat Bacon and sausage Boiled poultry skin Salad dressing</p>



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