

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) No Grease Down the Drain



Grease is a byproduct of cooking. It comes from meat, lard, oil, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, baking goods, sauces and dairy products.

When grease washes down the sink, it sticks to the insides of the pipes that connect your home or business to the District's sewer. It also coats the insides of the District's sewer pipes.

Eventually, the grease can build up until it completely blocks sewer pipes. That can create difficult and expensive maintenance problems for both the District and private property owners.

Blocked sewer pipes can cause raw sewage to back up into your home or business, or overflow into streets and streams.

Garbage disposals don't keep grease out of sewer pipes. Products that claim to dissolve grease may dislodge a blockage, but will only cause problems farther on down the line when the grease hardens again.

Picture provided by the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, Portland, Oregon

Grease Can Completely Block Sewer Pipes

The easiest way to solve the grease problem and help prevent overflows of raw sewage is to keep this material out of the sewer system in the first place. Here are some ways to do this:

****YOUR RESIDENT ACCOUNT WILL BE CHARGED IF REPAIR CAUSED BY NOT FOLLOWING THE BELOW****

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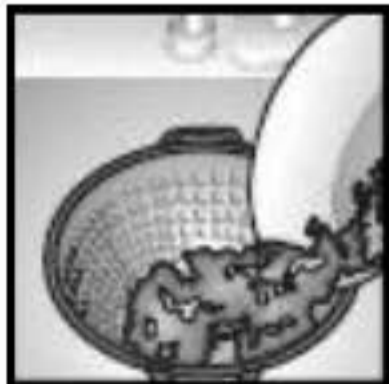
Put oil and grease in covered containers and put in trash can for disposal.



Scrape food scraps into trash can and garbage bags and dispose of properly. Avoid using your garbage disposal.



Remove oil and grease from dishes, pans, fryers and griddles before rinsing. Cool first before you skim, scrape or wipe off excess grease.



Put basket/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids, and empty into the trash for disposal.

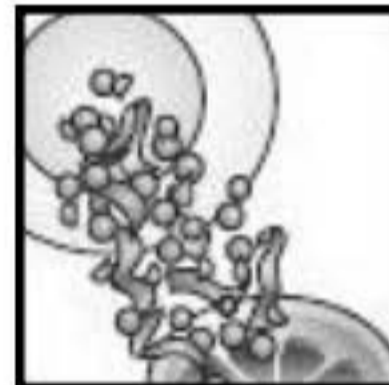


Cover floor drain with fine screen and empty into trash as needed.

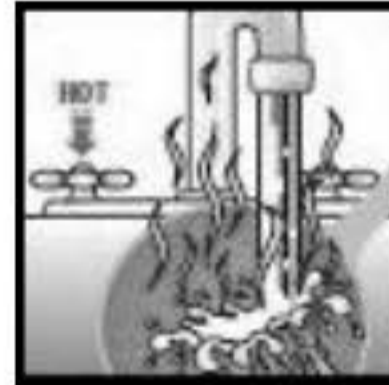
DON'T!



Don't pour oil and grease down sink drains or into toilets.



Don't put food scraps down the drain.



Don't run water over dishes, pans and fryers to wash oil and grease down the drain.

Don't rinse off oil and grease with hot water.

- Prevent grease buildups from blocking sewer lines.
- Stop sewer overflows into streets and storm drains.
- Save money spent on costly cleanups of sewage spills.
- Reduce the number of times you have to clean your grease trap (food establishments).
- Protect the quality of our water.