



Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG) - Fact Sheet

When Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) are put down your home drain they can cause many problems further down the sewer pipe. Liquefied grease and fat will solidify and clog pipes. Liquid oils can also coat pipes and contribute to blockages. 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 the streets, parks or waterways creating a public health risk and threatening the environment. You can help prevent these problems by practicing the following:

Do

- Soak up the grease after frying with paper towels and put into the garbage.
- Pour larger amounts of used cooking grease into a container with a lid. Allow grease to harden and then place into the garbage.
- Put strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids and empty them into the garbage.
- Minimize the use of your garbage disposal. Put food scraps into the garbage, or create a compost pile for vegetable waste.
- Promote the concept of the "3 R's": Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.

Do Not

- Pour fats, oil, or grease down the drain.
- Use the sewer as a means of disposing of food scraps.
- Use the toilet as a wastebasket.
- Pour motor oil down the drain.



For more information on the control of FOG, please visit www.lasa.org.