

Where Does Your Grease Go?

If cooking fats, oils and grease are washed down the drain, they can stick to the insides of the pipes and lead to sewage back-ups at home, your business or in our City's sewer pipes. The fats coagulate in the sewer pipes when it cools down and can restrict the flow of wastewater. Restricted flow causes solid material in the pipe to accumulate, resulting in blockages (similar to our arteries). The end results to this harmful problem are sanitary sewer overflows, and no one wants untreated sewage backing up into buildings or streets!

The City's grease control or Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) program establishes regulations for the proper disposal of grease and other insoluble waste from food service establishments within the city. Residents also need to do their part by keeping grease, and other items like diapers and feminine products out of our sewer system.

The safest way to dispose of your grease is to pour it into a "repurposed" container (like a coffee can), seal it shut and place it in the garbage.



A clogged sewer

A clogged artery