FAT-FREE SEWERS

PREVENT FATS, OILS, AND GREASE FROM DAMAGING YOUR HOME AND THE ENVIRONMENT!!

Preventing sewer overflows and backups is easy!!

Where does the grease come from? Grease is a byproduct of cooking from meat fats, lard, oils, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, baked goods, sauces and dairy products. When washed down the sink, grease sticks to the inside of sewer pipes (both on your property and under the street). Over time, it can build up and block entire portions of your home's plumbing system.

Caution: Home garbage disposals do not keep grease out of the plumbing system. Moreover, hot water and products such as detergents that claim to dissolve grease only pass it down the line and cause problems elsewhere....



- Raw sewage overflowing into your home or the house next door.
- An expensive and unpleasant cleanup often required to be paid for by you, the home or business owner.
- An increase in operation and maintenance costs for local sewer departments, which causes higher sewer bills for customers.
- Potential contact with disease-causing organisms

YOU CAN HELP!

- Never pour grease or oils down sink drains or into toilets.
- Scraping grease and food scraps into a can or the trash for disposal.
- Putting baskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids, and then emptying them into the trash.
- Speaking with your friends and neighbors about how to keep grease out of sewers

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