



FOG

Sewer Blockage Formation

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

When grease and other debris continue to be washed down the drain, the build up increases over time.

Eventually, excessive accumulation will restrict the flow of wastewater and possibly result in sanitary sewer overflow.



What is FOG?

FOG is any fats, oils or grease used in the kitchen to prepare food, such as animal fats, vegetable oils, lard, shortening, butter, margarine and even dairy products. It is a solid substance (although it may start out as liquid) that will eventually create an obstruction in your sewer system if it is not properly disposed of.

Why is it important to properly dispose of FOG?

FOG creates blockages within the sewer system that can cause many problems, including system failure, as it builds up. Other issues include raw sewage overflowing into homes (sometimes causing permanent damage) requiring expensive cleanup for the homeowner. Raw sewage can also overflow into yards, streets and public recreation areas. These types of overflows create exposure to disease-causing organisms. When these overflows occur, it also affects the community as a whole by increasing the operation and maintenance costs for our local sewer division, creating higher sewer fees for the residents.

How should you properly dispose of FOG?



Never put FOG into your sink or toilet.



Pour FOG into a non-porous can with a lid for storage, when ready for disposal simply throw it in the trash.



Wipe all pans and dishes clean of FOG with a paper towel before washing.



Keep a strainer in the kitchen sink to catch food scraps and other solids, then empty into the trash.