

Keep Your Drains Clog-Free: How to Dispose of Fats, Oils and Grease



When fats, oils and grease (FOG) are poured or washed down the drain, they build up on sewer pipe walls restricting the flow of wastewater. Over time, clogged pipes can result in sewer backups and spills, create environmental problems and even flood homes and businesses. Follow these easy tips to keep your pipes clog-free.

- **Can the grease!** Pour grease into an empty can or heat-safe container. Allow grease to cool or store in the freezer. Once it solidifies, throw it in the trash.
- **Wipe before washing.** To reduce the amount of grease residue left on pans after cooking, wipe them out with a paper towel prior to washing.
- **Seal the oil.** Mix liquid vegetable oil with an absorbent material such as kitty litter or coffee grounds in a sealable container before throwing it in the trash.

Large quantities of household FOG can be recycled. For more information, contact your local municipal waste facility.

Did you know? FOG includes: meat trimmings, shortening, butter/margarine, dressings, gravy, icing and dairy products.