

OIL AND GREASE DISPOSAL

Grease is “hydrophobic” which means it floats on top of water and adheres to other material such as sewer pipes. A byproduct of cooking, grease comes from meat fats, lard, oil, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, baking goods, sauces and dairy products. All too often, grease is washed into the plumbing system, usually through the kitchen sink. Grease sticks to the insides of sewer pipes and over time, can build up and block the sewer line. It can cause lift station failures, wastewater treatment plant problems and environmental concerns. Grease is one waste that the sewer system cannot handle and therefore needs to be kept out of the system.

DO!

- ✓ Put oil and grease in covered collection containers.
- ✓ Scrape food scraps from dishes into trash cans and garbage bags and dispose of properly. Avoid using your garbage disposal. Home garbage disposals do not keep grease out of the plumbing system. These units only shred solid material into smaller pieces and do not prevent grease from going down the drain.
- ✓ Remove oil and grease from dishes, pans, fryers, and griddles. Cool first before you skim, scrape or wipe off excess grease.
- ✓ Prewash dishes and pans with cold water before putting them in the dishwasher. Running extremely hot water down the drain only moves the problem downstream, and may only make it worse. Eventually the water will cool and the grease will solidify.
- ✓ Cover kitchen sink with catch basket and empty into garbage can as needed.

DON'T!

- ✓ Don't pour oil and grease down the drain.
- ✓ Don't put food scraps down the drain.
- ✓ Don't run water over dishes, pans, fryers and griddles to wash oil and grease down the drain.

Grease related blockages have served as a basis for regulations governing the discharge of grease to the sanitary sewer system. This District requires the installation of grease traps in food service operations and inspects those establishments twice yearly to insure that it is proactively maintained.

By following the above **DO's** and **DON'TS**, you can also play a big part in helping to keep your sanitation system clean of oil and grease that clogs the system and increases operation and maintenance costs.

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