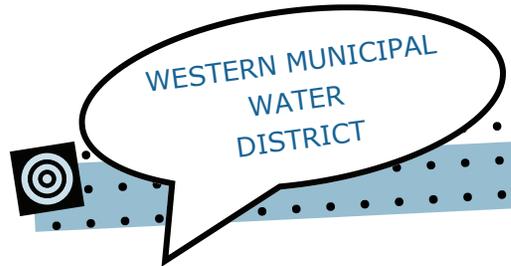


To protect your pipes and the public sewer system:

- Solidify cooking oil with an absorbent material such as cat litter or coffee grounds; place it in a sealed container and dispose of it in a trash receptacle.
- Scrape food scraps from dishes into garbage bags and trash cans and dispose of it properly. Avoid using your garbage disposal.
- Remove oil and grease from dishes, pans, fryers, and griddles. Cool first before you skim, scrape, or wipe off excess grease.
- Cover kitchen sink with catch basket and empty into garbage can as needed.
- Don't run water over dishes, pans, fryers, and griddles to wash oil and grease down the drain. Don't rinse off oil and grease with hot water.
- Don't pour oil and grease down the drain. If you generate used cooking oil, pour it into a container you can throw away.
- Store your fats and grease in an empty container such as a tin. When it is full, put it in the garbage.



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FOG INFORMATION

“WHAT IS FOG”

FOG refers to Fats, Oil and Grease originating in home kitchens such as yours and in restaurants and food service establishments. As a byproduct of cooking, FOG is usually found in:

- Cooking Oil/Butter/Margarine/Lard
- Meats
- Dairy Products (Milk, Cheeses, Yogurt)
- Sauces/Gravies/Salad Dressings
- Deep-Fried Dishes (French Fries, Fried Chicken)
- Baking Goods (Pizza, Cookies, Pastries)
- Food Scraps (Vegetable Oil)

General Prevention:

- Never pour grease or oil down sink drains or toilets.
- Scrape grease material and food scraps from all cookware and dishware into a can or trash for disposal.
- Use strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids, and empty the drain strainers into the trash for disposal.
- Don't put grease or greasy food in your home garbage disposal. These units only shred solid material into smaller pieces and do not prevent grease from going down the drain.
- Wipe cookware and dishware prior to washing. Don't rely on commercial additives in detergents to dissolve grease. They may just pass it further down the drain.

Contrary to popular belief, running hot water and soap down the drain will not help break down the grease. Running hot water only pushes the grease further down the drain but once the grease cools, it solidifies to create blockages.

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