

# Protect Your Pipes from FOG!



## What is FOG?

FOG (Fats, Oils and Grease) are by-products generated from the cooking and food preparation process, including cooking oil, meat fats, food scraps, shortening, sauces, dairy products, etc.

Discharge of FOG to the drain could cause severe damage to the sewer system.

## What happens to FOG in the drain?

FOG wastes discharged to the sewer could solidify and stick to the interior of the pipes as it cools down. The FOG layer could build up over time and restrict the flow.



***Grease is one of the leading causes of sewer clogs, overflows and backups.***

## Impacts of Improper FOG Disposal

- Sewer backups on private properties
- Sewer overflow from manholes into local waterways
- Generates expensive cleanup and sewer maintenance
- Increases cost of operating and maintaining sewer system
- Public health and safety risk

## Clean Sewer



## Sewer with FOG Build Up



## Best Way to Dispose of Grease in Your Home

- Do not pour or scrape FOG wastes down the drain.
- Pour grease and cooking oil into a lidded coffee can or other disposable container. Once full, discard in the trash.
- Use garbage disposals as little as possible; many foods are cooked or contain additional oils.
- Wipe grease out of pots, pans, and plates with paper towel prior to washing. Place scraps and paper towels in the trash.
- Use strainers on sinks to catch food scraps and other solids; empty strainer contents into trash.