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How to Prevent Fats, Oils and Grease from Damaging Your Home and the Environment

Fats, oils and grease aren't just bad for your arteries and your waistline; they're bad for sewers too. Too often, grease is washed into the plumbing system, usually through the kitchen sink. Grease sticks to the insides of sewer pipes (both on your property and in the streets). Over time, the grease can build up and block the entire pipe. 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. The results of these activities can be raw sewage overflowing in your home or your neighbor's home and an expensive and unpleasant cleanup that often must be paid for by you, the homeowner.

The easiest way to solve the grease problem and help prevent overflows of raw sewage is to keep this material out of the sewer system in the first place.

There are several ways to do this:

- 1. Never pour grease down sink drains or into toilets.**
- 2. Scrape grease and food scraps from trays, plates, pots, pans, utensils, grills and cooking surfaces into a can or the trash for disposal (or recycling where available).**
- 3. Do not put grease down garbage disposals. Put baskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids, and empty the drain baskets/strainers into the trash for disposal.**
- 4. Speak with your friends and neighbors about the problem of grease in the sewer system and how to keep it out.**

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