

## What is FOG ?

### Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) come from:

· cooking oil · bacon grease · meat fats · food scraps · shortening · lard · butter · margarine · gravy · dairy products · mayonnaise · salad dressings · sour cream · other food and sauces



## Results of FOG in Sewer Lines

- Clogged drains or toilets
- Sewage backing up in your home
- Sewage overflows to the environment
- Expensive cleanup, repair & replacement of damaged property
- Higher wastewater utility costs
- Unpleasant odors in home drains
- Potential public health risks



*FOG build-up in a private sewer lateral*

## City of Ste. Genevieve

Did you know that fats, oils, and grease that are poured down the drain or garbage disposal contribute to the cost of maintaining sanitary sewer pipes, the cost of treating wastewater at our sewage treatment plant, and potentially to the pollution of our lakes and streams when clogged sewer lines overflow?

Also, pouring fats, oils, and grease down the drain can be a violation of Municipal ordinance resulting in fines and penalties.

Learn more at:

<https://ecode360.com/27817922>

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&  
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# COOL IT, CAN IT, TRASH IT.



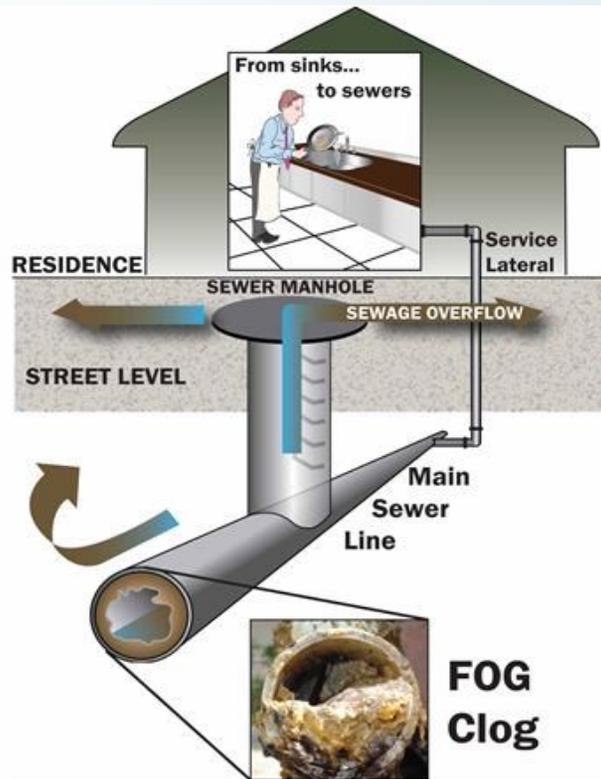
**SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE:  
FATS, OILS, AND GREASE  
CLOG PIPES.**

## Save Money & Time with Small Changes in your Kitchen Habits

Plumbing problems can be costly to homeowners. Calling a plumber to resolve a clogged drain takes a toll on your schedule and can cost hundreds of dollars. FOGs (fats, oils, and greases) are the most common contributor to kitchen plumbing problems. As FOGs are washed down the drain, they build up in pipes, causing clogged pipes and slow drains.

To avoid clogged and slow drains, keep FOGs out of your pipes.

### Cool it, Can it, Trash it.



## FOG Myths (It's alright to pour FOGs down the drain if...)

...I use the garbage disposal.

**MYTH!** The garbage disposal only grinds up larger items before passing them into your sewer pipes. Instead, compost food scraps or dispose of them in the garbage.

...I run hot water.

**MYTH!** The grease will eventually cool and solidify further along in the pipes.

...I chase it down with dish soap.

**MYTH!** Most soaps break up FOGs, but the soap will eventually lose its effectiveness, causing the FOGs to solidify in the pipes.

## Fats, Oils, and Grease: Dos & Don'ts



Pour cooled oil, fats, and grease into a can or other container with a tight lid (coffee can, glass jar, or plastic container) and dispose of it in the garbage.

Scrape fats, oils, & grease into the garbage. Put compostable food (vegetables, fruits, breads, coffee grounds, tea bags) into a compost bin.



Wipe down greasy pots and pans with a dry paper towel and dispose of it in your kitchen garbage, prior to washing.



Do not pour FOGs down the garbage disposal, sink, or drain (this includes liquid foods like syrups, batters, gravy, etc.)



Do not use hot water or dish soap to wash the grease down the drain.



Do not use chemicals to remove grease clogs; they can damage pipes.