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## **Fats, Oils, & Grease (FOG)**





## **FOG BEST PRACTICES FOR RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS**

Residential customers can apply the majority of the practices above in the home.

FOG can collect and harden in drainpipes and may eventually cause blockages. Blockages can cause backups into your home and may also cause sewer overflows, dumping raw sewage into streets, streams, lakes, or other outside public locations.

You can prevent blockages by keeping FOG out of your sink and drain and by throwing it in the compost or trash.

### **FOLLOW THESE DOS AND DON'TS TO PROTECT YOUR HOME FROM FOG CAUSED BACKUPS**

#### **DO:**

- Throw all solids, including food waste, into the compost or garbage.
- Use ALL cleaning chemicals according to the instructions on the label.
- Use paper towels to soak up any spilled oil and grease and to wipe down counters. Dispose of the paper towels into the trash or compost.
- Run water if you must use the garbage disposal.
- Use strainers and covers on all sink drains.
- Wipe greasy pots and pans with paper towels before washing. Throw paper towels in compost or trash.
- Deposit used oil and grease into an appropriate container and dispose of container appropriately.

**DON'T:**

*No fats, oils, or grease down drains.*

- Don't put grease or oil down any sink or drain.
- Don't pour bleach directly down ANY drain. When used improperly, bleach dewater grease, making it as hard as concrete.
- Don't remove sink strainers or drain covers. Empty food and scraps into trash or compost, not down the drain.

**DO NOT WASH THESE ITEMS DOWN YOUR SINK,  
DRAIN, OR TOILET**

Auto fluids	Glue
Bacon Grease	Gravy
Bandages	Hair or fur
Bread Dough	Kitchen grease
Butter	Lard
Candles/melted wax	Meat drippings
Cheese	Medicine
Cigarettes or cigarette butts	Paint
Cleaning supplies	Paper or paper towels
Coffee filters or coffee grounds	Poison
Cosmetics	Powders
Cotton balls and swabs	Putties
Cooking oils	Sanitary pads or tampons
Deceased pets	Solvents
Dental floss	Sponges
Facial tissue	Toothpaste
Fat, oil, or grease	Vegetables
Food solids	Wet wipes
Fruit	

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