

PROPER DISPOSAL METHODS

To stop sewage backups and overflows, you need to keep fats, oils, and grease out of the sewer system. The most effective solution is to control fats, oils, and grease at the source. Here's how:

- Scrape grease and food scraps from plates, pots, pans, utensils, and grills into a can or the trash for disposal.
- Dispose of food waste directly into the trash. Garbage disposals will also create a build up.
- Don't pour grease into kitchen sinks or toilets.
- Be cautious of chemicals and additives that claim to dissolve grease. Some additives simply pass grease down pipes where it can clog sewer lines in another area. This will not only plug the sanitary sewer, it will plug your house drains, resulting in a costly plumber bill.



Eliminating

Fats, Oils & Grease

From Our SEWERS

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Fats, Oils & Grease CLOG THE SEWERS!

Sewage backups and overflows are typically the result of grease buildup and tree roots, which can cause property damage, environmental problems and other health hazards.

Fats, oils, and grease get into the sewers mainly from commercial food preparation establishments that do not have adequate grease control measures in place.

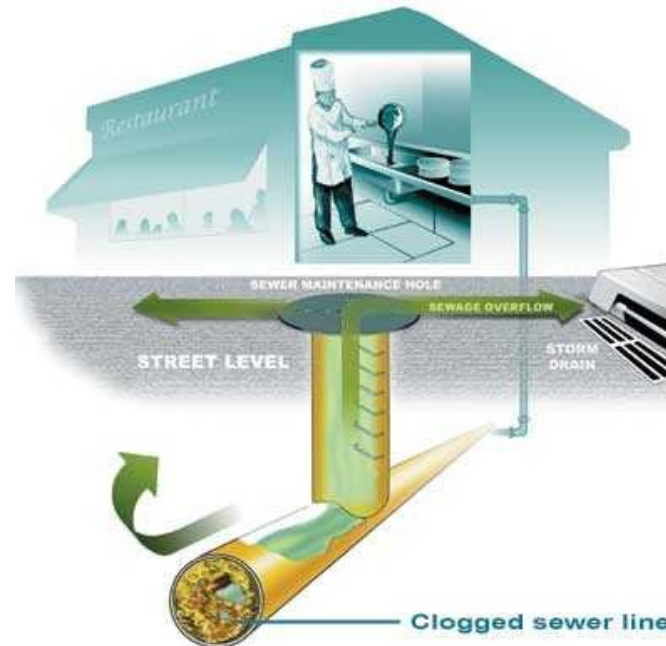
Most grease is the byproduct of cooking and is usually found in such things as:

Food scraps	Butter/margarine
Meat fats	Baking goods
Lard	Sauces
Cooking Oil	Dairy products

All too often, fats, oils, and grease are washed into the plumbing system (usually through kitchen sinks) and stick to the insides of sewer pipes both on your property and in the streets.

Over time, fats, oils, and grease build up and eventually **blocks the entire pipe** causing sewage backups and overflows.

From Sinks...



...to sewers



Grease on walls of a sewer pipe

COSTS

To the homeowner:

As your sewer pipes back up, sewage and food particles that accumulate can attract insects and other vermin.

Property damage can result from sewage backups leading to expensive cleanup and plumbing repairs.

To the Environment:

Clogged sewers can lead to overflows. As sewage overflows onto streets, it enters the storm drain system...

...where the sewage is then carried to local beaches, creating a health risk for swimmers, marine life, and causing beach closures.

To the Municipalities:

Increased sewer blockages and overflows lead to excessive and costly maintenance and can result in severe fines from the regulatory agencies. This can increase your sewer fees.