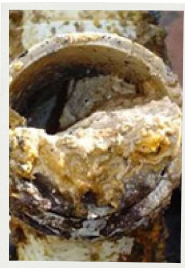


Fats, Oils, & Grease (FOG)

WHAT IS FOG?

FOG is fats, oils, and grease that can build up in the sewer lines. When grease is washed down the sink or toilet it sticks to the inside of the sewer pipes. This can increase the chance of a sewer backup into homes, causing health hazards, costly repairs, and environmental damage.

Help Prevent Sewer Backups



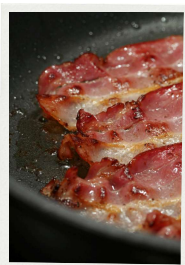
Why is FOG a problem?

Sewer pipes can become clogged by FOG and cause backups into basements, roadways, and water bodies. Sewer backups create health hazards and can result in expensive property damage.



Good Kitchen Habits

Minimize the use of your garbage disposal for foods containing FOG, use strainers in sinks to catch food scraps, scrape food from dishes into the trash before washing.



Where does it come from?

Meat fats (bacon, sausage), lard, cooking oil, butter, food scraps, milk products, salad dressings, mayonnaise, and other foods.



What Not to Flush

Do not use the toilet for disposal of food scraps, sanitary items, wipes, or towels. These items should be placed in the trash.



What can I do to prevent backups?

NEVER pour grease down sink drains or toilets, dispose of cooled cooking fats, oils, and grease in food cartons such as a milk carton with a lid, and dispose of it in the trash.



Why have a FOG program?

The City of Farmington must follow Missouri Department of Natural Resources guidelines regarding discharge of FOG into the sewer system, and has adopted an ordinance to help protect public health.



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