

HOW TO KEEP GREASE OUT OF YOUR DRAIN

You Can Help Prevent Sewer Backups!

GREASE

is one of the primary causes of residential pipeline and City sewer main clogs causing sewer backups throughout the City.

When cooking oils are disposed of improperly, they can cause problems in the sewer system.

Different types of cooking oils include:

- ✓ Frying oil
- ✓ Salad oil
- ✓ Meat drippings
- ✓ Bacon fat
- ✓ Greasy leftovers



IMPORTANT FACTS:

- Cooking grease coats pipelines similar to the way that fatty foods clog human arteries. The grease clings to the inside of the pipelines, eventually causing complete blockage.
- Costly home plumbing bills are often the result of grease-clogged pipelines. Residential pipelines clog easily since they are only 2"- 4" in diameter.
- Many people are unaware that pouring hot water and detergent down the drain only breaks up grease temporarily. Grease should NEVER be poured down the drain. If small amounts of grease accidentally get into your drain, flush immediately with COLD water.
- Flushing grease down the toilet also causes sewer backups.



By following a few simple steps, you can help prevent costly sewer backups in the future.

Step 1:

All **cooking oil** should be poured into an old milk carton, frozen juice container, or other non-recyclable package, and disposed of in the garbage, not down the drain!



Step 2:

Dishes and pots that are coated with greasy leftovers, should be wiped clean with a paper towel before being washed or placed in the dishwasher.

Step 3:

Instead of placing fat trimmings from meat in the garbage disposal, put them in a trash can. **ALWAYS** put cooking grease containers and greasy towels in a plastic bag before throwing them in your trash. **NEVER** dispose of cooking grease directly into your automated trash container.

Report Spills!

If you see or smell something you think might be a sewer spill, report it immediately by calling **(479) 238-0921**. Be prepared to describe the location and the nature of the problem.

**Put grease
from your
PAN...**



**Into
the
CAN!!**

Cooking oils, grease and fat are great for frying and coating pots and pans. BUT they also clog drain pipes and cause sewer pipes to back up.

Keep your pipes running freely!

Cool down your cooking oil, grease and fat and pour them into a can • not down the drain. Trash the can - not your pipes.

Also, please wipe out pots and pans with a paper towel before doing dishes. You will use less soap and decrease clogs.

For more information, call the City of Siloam Springs Wastewater Department at 479-238-0921.

Los aceites para cocinar y la grasa son excelentes para freír y para dar recubrimiento a sartenes y cacerolas, PERO, también tapan las tuberías del desagüe y ocasionan congestión en la tubería de renaje.

Conserve sus tuberías libres de obstrucciones!

Enfríe su aceite y grasa para cocinar y vacíelos a una lata - no en el lavamanos. Tire la lata en a la basura.

También, limpie las cacerolas y los sartenes con una toalla de papel antes de lavar los platos - así, usted usará menos jabón y disminuirá la posibilidad de que se tape la tubería.

Para más información llame La Ciudad de Siloam Springs 479-238-0958.