

# Fats, Oils, & Grease Don't Belong Down the Drain!

## WHAT IS FOG?

Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) come from food preparation and kitchen clean-up of meat fats, cooking oil, food scraps, sauces, and dairy products.

## WHY IS IT A PROBLEM?

FOG solidify as they cool and when poured down the drain into the sanitary sewer system may result in:

Clogged Pipes



Sewer Overflows



Odors & higher sewer charges due to expensive clean-up and repair/replacement of pipes.

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For more information on how to protect stormwater quality, please visit:

<http://www.tomballtx.com/533/Stormwater-Management-Program>

## Do's

- ✓ For small amounts of oil, clean with absorbent material (i.e. paper towel), and dispose with garbage.
- ✓ For large amounts of oil, leave the oil to cool, then pour into a container, close with a lid, and dispose with garbage.
- ✓ Wipe off food scraps and grease into the garbage bin.

## DON'TS

- ✗ Pour FOG down the drains, sinks, toilets, or storm inlets.
- ✗ Scrape food scraps into the sink or toilet.
- ✗ Run water over grease to clean it off in the sink.

## REMEMBER!

Running dishes under hot water, running the garbage disposal, and/or chasing FOG down the drain with dish soap DOES NOT break down or eliminate FOG. It will still solidify in the pipe and cause clogging.



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