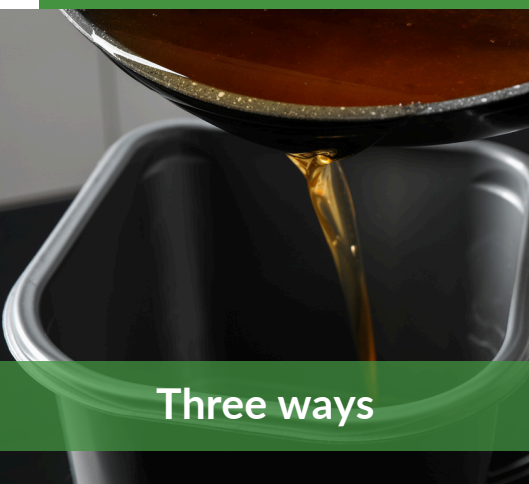


# Fats, Oils, and Grease

As the holiday season approaches, you might find yourself spending more time in the kitchen, preparing meals and treats for your family. Florence Public Works would like to remind you that it's crucial to keep fats, oils, and grease (FOG) out of your sinks. This is essential not only for the health and safety of our sanitary sewer system but also for maintaining clear and free-flowing plumbing in your home. Don't let a clogged drain disrupt your holiday festivities!

FOG is a common issue for everyone. When fats, oils, and grease go down the drain, they cool, solidify, and adhere to the pipes in your home or business, as well as in the public sewer system. This accumulation can eventually block water flow. Such blockages can lead to wastewater backing up into your home or cause sewer overflows, resulting in messy and costly situations. However, there are steps we can take to prevent FOG-related problems.





**Three ways**

**Cool it, can it, freeze it and place it in the trash**

Pour cooled fats, oils and grease carefully into a container with a lid on it.



**you can**

**It's not just FOG**

FOG is also generated by food preparation and from food products including: cooking oil, shortening, butter, margarine, lard, meat fats, food scraps, baked goods, sauces, salad dressings, dairy products and that prized turkey dressing. Prior to washing your plates and cooking supplies, use a paper towel to absorb excess FOG and toss it in the trash.



**fight FOG**

**Scrape your plate**

Food scraps containing FOG belong in the trash. Scrape all your remaining food scraps from your plates, pots, pans and fryers into your trashcan before you wash your dishes. Avoid the garbage disposal, and use something as simple as a strainer in your sink to catch unwanted food scraps.

Remember, grease from cooking, gravy, cooking oil, and sauces may look harmless as a liquid, but when it cools it gets thick and sticky. That means if you pour grease down your drain, it sticks to pipes and eventually causes clogs and messy overflows.

This holiday season give yourself the gift of clog-free pipes and the community the gift of clean water. Put your sink on a fat-free diet. Drop your FOG into the trash.



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