



What you can do?

Follow a few simple steps to help prevent sewer backups:

1. Pour cooled fats, oils and grease into a covered, disposable container and throw it into your garbage. NEVER pour fats, oils or grease down sink drains or toilets. COOL IT, CAN IT & TRASH IT.
2. Soak up remaining fats, oils and grease with a paper towel and dispose in your garbage.
3. Before you wash dishes, scrape food scraps from your plates, pots, and pans into your garbage can.

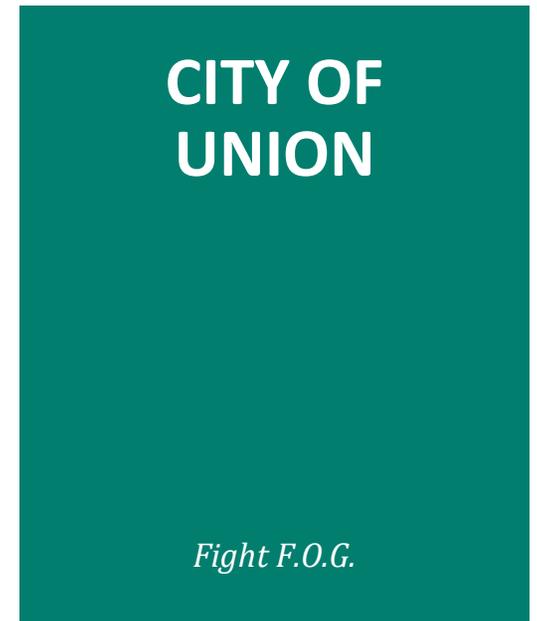


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Could this be YOUR drain?

What is F.O.G.?

F.O.G. stands for Fats, Oils & Grease

They are found in common food and food ingredients such as: meat, fish, butter, cooking oil, mayonnaise, gravies, sauces, and food scraps.

If poured down the drain or into your garbage disposal, F.O.G. will build up over time by sticking to the sides of your sewer pipe. This could eventually cause an expensive sewer backup into your home or the City's wastewater system.

This can result in potential public health issues, pollution problems and fines by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

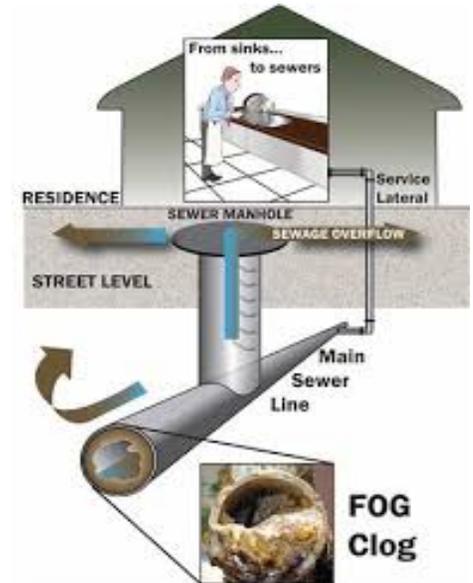
Know what you should never put down a drain.

Along with never putting fats, oils and grease down the drain, these are a few other things that should be thrown in the trash and NOT down the drain:

1. Rice – sticks together to form clumps and the clumps stick to the walls of the pipes.
2. Eggshells – the edges catch on other items and grow into larger clogs.
3. Coffee grounds – sticks to pipe walls and builds into a paste.
4. Flour – coagulates and hardens inside pipes.
5. Pasta – continues to swell and sticks together.

STOP!!!

Think before you pour cooking grease down the drain!!



Don't let F.O.G. clog your drain!

Most household plumbing lines are small, and connect directly to pipes that are only slightly larger. When fats, oil and grease are present in these small pipes, they block the sewage flow.

A blocked sewer pipe can cause overflow into homes and streets which can pollute our water sources.

Home garbage disposals do not keep F.O.G. out of plumbing systems. They only shred solid material into smaller pieces and do not prevent F.O.G. from going down the drain.