



Keep FOG (Fats, Oils and Grease) Out of the Drain This Holiday Season

The City of Great Falls Environmental Department asks residents to keep Fats, Oils & Grease (FOG) out of the drain this holiday season. Improperly disposed FOG can harm the environment by creating sewer system overflows in the city sanitary sewer lines and homeowner pipes that may cause property damage. There are many obvious sources that come to mind, such as turkey fryer grease, salad dressing, dairy products, cooking oil and cooking grease. By following these simple steps for FOG, you can avoid costly and messy sewer backups during the holidays.

- Scrape uneaten food, sauces and dairy products into the trash before washing dishes or placing them in the dishwasher.
- Wipe greasy pans and dishes out with paper towels or coffee filters before washing them in the sink.
- Make a bowl out of aluminum foil and drain grease from beef, bacon or other meats into the foil (use an actual bowl to form it, if needed). Pinch the top of the foil together with the liquid grease in it and wait until it hardens, then simply throw it into the trash.
- Carefully pour cooled grease into a jar or can and let it cool completely to a solid form and simply throw it into the trash.
- Dispose of turkey fryer grease back into the container once it has cooled down and throw it into the trash.

Homeowners are responsible for the sewer pipe from their homes to the sewer main. Clogs in the pipe are costly to clear, especially during the holidays, weekends and after hours. By properly disposing of Fats, Oils and Grease, you can avoid the headache and expense of dealing with a sewer backup, and instead enjoy spending time with your family.