

FOG: A SMALL HABIT THAT CAN CAUSE BIG PROBLEMS

EVERY DAY, FATS, OILS, AND GREASE (FOG) FROM COOKING MAKE THEIR WAY INTO SINKS AND DRAINS in homes, restaurants, and businesses. While it may seem harmless to rinse grease down the drain, FOG doesn't simply disappear.

As grease cools, it hardens and sticks to the inside of pipes. Over time, it combines with food particles and other debris, creating thick blockages that restrict wastewater flow. These buildup can eventually clog sewer lines, causing sewage backups and costly repairs.

Think of FOG as the "clog monster" hiding in your pipes—the more grease it consumes, the larger the problem becomes.

BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

Keeping FOG out of the sewer system is simple and makes a big difference. Follow these easy tips:

- **Never pour fats, oils, or grease down the drain.**
- **Let cooking grease cool**, then place it in a sealed container and throw it in the trash.
- **Wipe greasy pots, pans, and dishes** with a paper towel before washing.
- **Scrape food scraps** into the garbage rather than rinsing them down the sink.
- **Limit use of garbage disposals**, which can contribute to sewer blockages.
- **Use sink strainers** to catch food particles before they enter the drain.
- **Do not flush wipes, towels, or hygiene products.** Even products labeled "flushable" contribute to clogs.
- **Never dispose of motor oil through household drains.** Follow local disposal guidelines instead.

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