

NO FATS

COOKING GREASE

is one of the primary causes of residential pipeline and District sewer main clogs, which could result in sewer spills throughout the District's Wastewater Sewerage area. The spilled sewage has the potential to reach the Cosumnes River, causing unsafe conditions and temporary closures. All cooking oils disposed of improperly can cause problems in the sewer system. These include

- ✚ Frying oil
- ✚ Salad oil
- ✚ Meat drippings
- ✚ Bacon fat
- ✚ Greasy leftovers



NO OILS

IMPORTANT FACTS

- ❖ Cooking grease coats pipelines similar to the way that fatty foods clog human arteries. The grease clings to the inside of the pipelines, eventually causing complete blockage.
- ❖ Costly home plumbing bills are often the result of grease-clogged pipelines. Residential pipelines clog easily since they are only 2" to 4" in diameter.
- ❖ Many people are unaware that pouring hot water and detergent down the drain only breaks up grease temporarily. Grease should NEVER be poured down the drain. If small amounts of grease accidentally get into our drain, flush immediately with COLD water.
- ❖ Flushing grease down the toilet also causes sewer backups.



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By following a few simple steps, you can help prevent costly sewer problems in the future.

Step 1 All cooking oil should be poured into an old milk carton, frozen juice container or other non-recyclable package, and disposed of in the garbage.

Step 2 Dishes and pots that are coated with greasy leftovers should be wiped clean with a disposable towel prior to washing or placement in dishwashers.

Step 3 Instead of putting fat trimmings from meat in the garbage disposal, put them in a trashcan. Always put cooking grease containers and greasy towels in a plastic bag before disposing of them in your trash bag. NEVER dispose of cooking grease directly into your automated trash compactor.

Report Spills

If you see or smell something you think might be a sewer spill, report it immediately by calling 916-354-3700. Be prepared to describe the location and the nature of the problem.

Rancho Murieta Community Services District

