

PUBLIC HEALTH NOTICE!!!

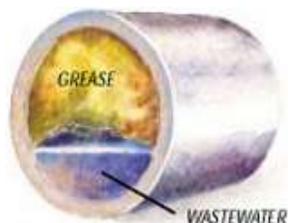
Fats, Oils, & Grease (FOG) are causing problems in our area!

Dear Nacogdoches Resident,

You are receiving this notice because of recurring problems in the sewer lines. Fats, oils, and grease are to blame!

Fats, Oils, & Grease can clog more than just arteries!

FOG can clog sewer pipes, both on your property and in City sewers. Detergents, hot water, or chemicals DO NOT remove or “eat up” grease. They merely soften or temporarily dissolve the grease, only to solidify downstream. Over time, the pipes will become completely blocked.



These blockages can lead to sewer overflows and backups that may cause health hazards, threaten the environment, or cause damage to home interiors. Nobody wants that!

Where does FOG come from?

We all understand that most fats, oils, and grease are byproducts of cooking. But few realize how much FOG actually goes down their drain! Just because you don't *pour* oil down your drain, doesn't mean your not contributing to the problem! Merely rinsing used dishes in the sink will slowly add layer upon layer to the ever-growing blockage!

Some of the major sources of FOG are:

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| Food Scraps | Sauces/Dressings | Meat Fats | Dairy Products |
| Cooking oils | Baking Goods | Butter/Margarine | Lard |

Keep reading for tips on how to keep FOG out of your pipes!

What can we do to help?

The easiest way to solve the FOG problem and prevent raw sewage from overflowing is to keep this material from getting into the sewer in the first place.

One obvious way to keep the FOG out is to never pour oil or grease down the drain or toilet.



Here are some other tips to help us keep Fats, Oils, & Grease out of the sewers:

Scrape grease and food scraps from plates, utensils, pots, and pans into a can or the trash for disposal.

Wipe plates, utensils, pots, and pans with a dry paper towel to remove any residue from sauces, dressings, etc.

Use a fine mesh screen or basket strainer to catch food scraps and other solids. Empty strainers into the trash.

Limit the use of grinders or garbage disposals. They contribute to sewer blockages. Consider composting your biodegradable food scraps for beneficial reuse.



Help Protect the Environment and Reduce Costs!

With your cooperation, the City may reduce, or even eliminate these sewer blockages, and back-ups! Help keep Nacogdoches a safe, clean, and beautiful place to live!

For more information, contact the Pretreatment Department at 564-5046 or visit www.tceq.com.

