



Proper Disposal of Fats, Oils and Grease

Did you know that discharging your fats, oils and grease into a City sanitary sewer or storm drain can result in sewer backups?

The discharge of fats, oils and grease (FOGs) into the City of Rockville's sanitary sewer system and storm drains is a rapidly increasing problem that results in the unnecessary spending of thousands of tax dollars each year to remove blockages and repair sanitary sewers.

When FOGs are deposited down the drain they cool and solidify to form hard deposits that decrease sewer line capacity and cause blockages and breaks. This can result in raw sewage overflowing from manholes and backing up into homes. When dumped into storm drains, FOGs end up in City streams causing contamination and possible adverse health effects to people and creatures living in or near the stream.

In an effort to address this problem, the City recently adopted the Water Quality Protection Ordinance, which precludes residents from pouring cooking fats, oils and grease down their drains. (To view the full ordinance please visit www.rockvillemd.gov/environment/regulations).

Every household plays an important role in preventing neighborhood sewage blockages and possible sewer backups into homes by **properly** disposing of FOGs.



Do:

- Pour cooled fats, oil and grease into a can (an old soup or vegetable can works great), wait for it to harden and throw it in the trash.
- Scrape grease and food scraps into the trash.
- Use sink strainers to catch fatty food items and empty the strainer into the trash.



Don't:

- Pour kitchen grease or oil down the drain.

Remember to just CAN-IT!



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