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Tips for keeping FOG out of pipes

Fats, oil, and grease (FOG) can accumulate in a building's private sanitary sewer lateral or a city owned public sanitary sewer pipe in the street. FOG causes blockages in these pipes, as well as a potential sewage back up into a property. When hot dishes and pans containing FOG are washed without properly removing food containing fats, oils and grease, these materials harden downstream, causing blockages. This hardened FOG also reduces the capacity of the pipes, requiring expensive maintenance and repair costs.



Skim, scrape or wipe food, oil and grease from dishes, pans, fryers, griddles and work areas before prewashing. Cool first.



Never pour or wash oil or grease down any drain.



Put oil and grease into covered collection containers.



Don't put food or grease down the drain – even if there is a garbage disposal.



Prewash dishes and pans with cold water before putting them in the dishwasher.



Don't wash floor mats where water will run off directly into the drain.