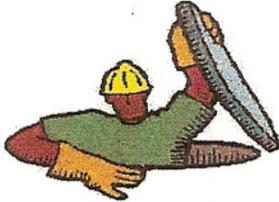


COLUMBIA COUNTY WATER AND SEWERAGE SYSTEM
Grease Management Program



Fat-Free Sewers



How to stop fats, oils and greases from causing Sanitary Sewer Overflows, and damaging your home or the environment

Where grease comes from:

- ◆ We generally associate grease as a derivative from meat fats, lard, oil, shortening, butter, margarine, baking goods, sauces, and dairy products.
- ◆ When grease is washed into the drains, right into the kitchen sink, it sticks to the inner walls of the drain lines. Over time, the grease will build up and block the pipes.
- ◆ Home garbage disposals do not inhibit grease from causing trouble. They merely cut solid substances into small pieces and don't keep grease out of plumbing systems.

The damage grease causes:

- ◆ Pipeline clogs can happen in your personal drains, and even cause blockages in the main County Sewer System, causing a Sanitary Sewer Overflow.
- ◆ Chemical additives and detergents claiming to dissolve grease usually pass the grease along to cause blockages down the line.
- ◆ Sanitary Sewer Overflows can damage property, threaten the environment, and cause expensive and unpleasant cleanups.
- ◆ Increased operation and maintenance costs for the Water & Sewerage System.

How you can help:

- ◆ The easiest way to solve this problem is to keep grease out of our drains in the first place. By no means should you ever pour grease down sinks or in toilets.
- ◆ Clean grease and food from your pots, pans, plates and utensils into the trash for disposal, instead of your drains.
- ◆ Use baskets or strainers in drains to capture scraps and solids, then dispose into the trash.
- ◆ Take the time to speak with your friends and neighbors about the damage grease can do to sewer collection systems and how to prevent it.

Food establishment owners:

- ◆ Make sure your grease trap is properly sized, built, and maintained.
- ◆ Clean your grease trap regularly and dispose of the contents properly.
- ◆ Never allow solids to enter them.

**If you suspect a Sanitary Sewer Overflow
Call Immediately**
706-863-6928 Monday – Friday 8am – 6pm
706-860-2587 24 Hour Emergency Number