



City of Neptune Beach

CEASE THE GREASE

Recently while televising a large sewer pipe in the city's system a significant grease blockage was found which could have led to an overflow of wastewater. Your city utility staff asks for your help in preventing overflows by properly disposing of cooking fats, oils and grease, or FOG.

FOG is as bad for sewer pipes as it is for our arteries and waistlines. Sources of FOG are cooking oils, meat fats, sauces & gravies, shortening & lard, butter & margarine, salad dressing, mayonnaise, dairy products, and food scraps.

FOG sticks to sewer pipes and over time can build up and clog pipes in your home and in the city's wastewater system. Blockages can lead to sewage overflowing in your home, out of manholes and reaching our waterways.

There are simple steps you can take to prevent blockages and save you plumber bills and your city utility maintenance costs:

- Never pour grease down sink drains, garbage disposals or into toilets.
- Pour liquid oils and grease at room temperature into heat-resistant plastic bags or old containers such as plastic milk containers, metal cans, water bottles, or glass jars. After cooling, seal the container and throw it away with your household trash.
- Scrape fats, grease and food from plates and cooking utensils into the trash before washing or placing them in your dishwasher. Use basket strainers in sinks to catch any food particles and empty the contents in the trash.
- Finally, for non-food items such as motor oil, take these hazardous items to your local Household Hazardous Waste facility. Never dispose of these items in your sewer system nor into the environment.

With a few extra steps to address FOG, we can prevent possible pipe blockages and related costs, and avoid potential overflows to our streams, rivers, and ocean.

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