



## Residential Fat, Oil and Grease...

The No. 1 cause of sewer backups in homes!

F.O.G. is fat, oil, and grease.

About 30% of what we eat is F.O.G.!

F.O.G. can block your drains *and* your neighbor's drains.



F.O.G. is the cause of most sewer line blockages.

Blocked drains and sewers create health hazards, make life miserable, and are expensive to remedy.

Why should you care?

Even a small amount of grease in sink drains can cause sewage backups and overflows that are messy, costly, and a potential threat to your health and the environment.

How can you have fat-free sewers?

- Never pour fat, oil or grease down sink drains or toilets!
- Wipe dishes and pots and pans prior to washing.
- Talk with your friends and neighbors about the grease problem so the community is aware of the risk.

## MINIMIZE YOUR RESIDENTIAL GREASE BY FOLLOWING THESE SIMPLE STEPS...

**Step 1** All cooking oil should be poured into an old milk carton, frozen juice container or other non-recyclable package, to be disposed of in the garbage.

**Step 2** Dishes, pots and pans that are coated with greasy leftovers should be wiped clean with a disposable towel prior to washing or placement in dishwashers.

**Step 3** Instead of putting fat trimmings or drippings from meat in the garbage disposal, put them in a trashcan.

Always put cooking grease containers and greasy towels in a plastic bag before disposing of them in your trash bag.

**NEVER** dispose of cooking grease directly into your automated trash compactor.

### Need More Information?

For questions about Fat, Oil & Grease contact the Onondaga County Department of Water Environment Pollution & Prevention Program at (315) 435-2260.

## WHERE IS RESIDENTIAL GREASE PRODUCED?

Grease is a by-product of cooking and is found in things like these:

Meat fats	Food scraps	Pastries
Butter & margarine	Baking goods	Salad dressings
Cooking oil	Sauces	Deep-fried foods
Shortening	Dairy Products	Gravy

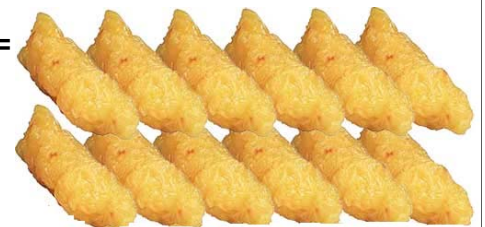
## YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Keeping just one tablespoon of fat, oil or grease out of your drains daily would amount to twelve pounds of fat, oil, or grease a year not running through your pipes, the sewer system, and Onondaga County sewage treatment plants!



1 tablespoon  
of fat a day  
down your  
drain

**EQUALS**



12 pounds of fat a year going into your  
sewer system and a sewage treatment  
plant

## DON'T FEED THE SEWER MONSTER-



**PLEASE DON'T POUR GREASE DOWN THE DRAIN!**