

# FATS, OILS AND GREASE

**Where do fats, oil and grease come from?**

- Meat fats
- Lard
- Cooking oil
- Shortening
- Butter and margarine
- Food scraps
- Baked goods
- Sauces
- Dairy products



**Too often, fats, oils and grease are washed into the plumbing system through the kitchen sink. Grease sticks to the inside of sewer pipes (both on your property and in the street). Over time, the grease can build and block the entire pipe.**

**Results of a grease-blocked sewer pipe can be:**

- Raw sewage overflowing in your home or your neighbor's home.
- An expensive and unpleasant cleanup that often must be paid for by you, the homeowner.
- Potential contact with disease-causing organisms.

## PREVENTION

### **Proper disposal of fats, oils and grease:**

- **Scrape grease and food waste from plates, pots, pans, grills and kitchen utensils and put it into trash can.**
- **Put baskets and strainers in sinks to catch food scraps.**
- **Don't put grease or meats in garbage disposals.**
- **Never pour oil or grease into drain or toilet.**
- **Let grease solidify in a container before putting it into trash.**
- **Mix larger amounts of cooking oil with an absorbent material like sawdust or kitty litter before putting in the garbage.**

