

Stop the Clog, Beat FOG!

What is FOG?

FOG stands for FATS, OILS, and GREASE. They are often found in food products such as the following items:

Fats: Pastries, lard, butter, cream-based sauces, dairy, gravy, and more

Oils: Vegetable oils, margarine, salad dressings, and more

Grease: Meat grease, mayonnaise, greasy food scraps, and more



Why is FOG bad?

When FOG goes down the drain, it solidifies inside the pipe, eventually resulting in a clog. This can cause major problems inside your pipes and sewer or septic system. These blockages can result in damages to your home and appliances or the sewer system itself. These damages can be costly to you and could also interrupt your wastewater service.

DO:

- Pour cooled grease into a container with a lid, like an old jar or yogurt cup, and throw it away in the trash
- Use a paper towel to wipe the rest of the grease or oil from cookware and bakeware
- Scrape all food scraps into the trash
- Use a strainer in the sink to collect excess food particles
- Encourage your neighbors to do the same

DON'T:

- Don't pour FOG down the drain
- Don't rinse food scraps off dishes
- Don't pour liquid foods down the drain such as dairy, syrups, batters, gravy, etc.
- Don't clean greasy dishes, pans, or fryers with water before wiping the grease off
- Don't use the garbage disposal to dispose of FOG, it can contribute to blocked pipes
- Don't use chemicals to remove grease clogs, they damage the pipes