



## The Drain Is Not A Dump Put FOG In The Trash

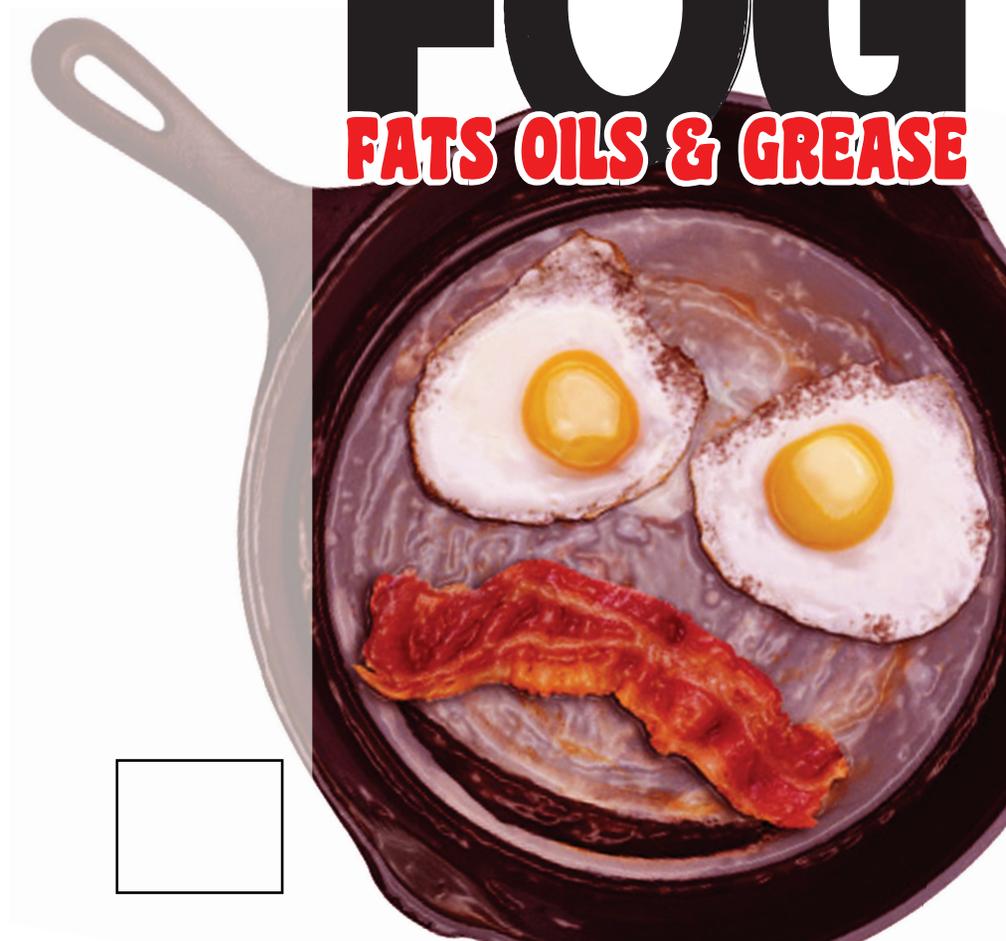
Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG), the residue left over from cooking meats, such as bacon that hardens after it cools, can cause problems when poured down the drain and clog pipes in your home. Did you know FOG can also clog the sewer pipes under the streets that take the wastewater from your house to the treatment plant? If that happens, the wastewater can back up and come to the surface and pollute the environment.



*A sewer pipe clogged with FOG  
(Fats, Oils & Grease)*

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# DON'T CLOG WITH FOG FATS OILS & GREASE



## Why should I help prevent FOG?

Collecting Fats, Oils & Grease in a container and throwing it away prevents health hazards and environmental damage. FOG can cause untreated sewage to run into our streets and storm drains. You can help prevent damage to the sewer system by taking a few simple steps.

### Taking Action will:

- ✓ Prevent grease buildups from blocking sewer lines.
- ✓ Stop sewer overflows into streets and storm drains.
- ✓ Reduce the number of times you have to clean your grease trap.  
*(food service establishments)*
- ✓ Save money spent on costly cleanups of sewage spills.
- ✓ Protect the quality of our water.

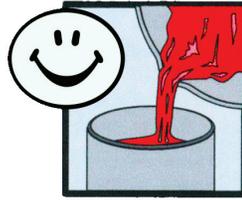
### More ways I can prevent FOG

Use environmentally safe cleaning products instead of harsh detergents or cleaners that can damage sewer lines.

If you generate large amounts of used cooking oils, recycle it. To find a recycler, check the phone book under "recyclers" or "rendering companies"

If you generate small amounts of used cooking oils, pour it into a container that you can throw away into the trash.

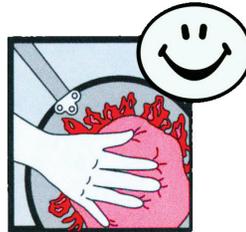
## 10 simple ways you can help the environment



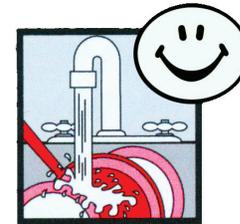
Put oil and grease into covered collection containers.



Scrape food scraps from dishes into trash cans and dispose of properly. Avoid your garbage disposal.



Remove oils and grease from dishes, pans, fryers, and griddles. Cool first before skimming, scraping or wiping grease.



Prewash dishes and pans with cold water before putting them in the dishwasher.



Cover the kitchen sink with a catch basket and empty into the garbage can as-needed.



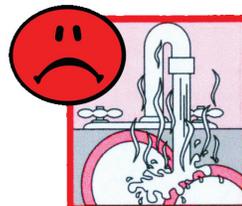
Cover floor drains with fine screen and empty into the garbage can as needed.



Don't pour oils and grease down the drain.



Don't rinse off oils and grease with hot water.



Don't run water over dishes, pans, fryers, and griddle to wash oils and grease down the drain.



Don't put food scraps down the drains.

**Always Remember: NEVER pour FOG down the drain!**