



# What is FOG and where does it go?

FOG (Fats, Oils and Grease) are the most common causes of sewer back-ups. When you pour that hot FOG down the drain and expect it to disappear forever.....think again!! FOG, even when hot, adheres to the inside of your sewer pipes when poured down your drains. This can cause blockages, back ups and overflows on your property and/or the public sewer, potentially contaminating public areas, creating environmental compliance violations and other related public health hazards. For those residents utilizing a private septic system, disposal of FOG to a septic system can increase the frequency of septic-tank cleaning and pumping and can cause premature failure of the disposal/leach field due to clogging of the soils surrounding the seepage pit or leach line. The only way to prevent this from happening is to keep fats, oils and grease OUT OF THE PIPE!

## You can make a difference

Encourage your friends and neighbors to keep FOG out of the sewers by following the best management practices listed below. The best way to encourage others is to set the example and start using these tips in your own home and businesses.

## Things you can do to help:

- Pour fat, oil and grease into covered containers. Do not put FOG down the drain.
- Avoid using the garbage disposal excessively for food scraps. The better alternative is to scrape food scraps from plates, pots, and pans. Dispose of in the trash for weekly disposal by AVCO, your local trash service provider.
- “Dry-Wipe” grease and oil from dishes and cookware and dispose of it in the garbage
- Dispose of collected fats, oils and grease at the Town’s Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Center located at 13450 Nomwaket Road. HHW is open every Saturday from 10am - 2pm (excluding holidays).
- Reuse as much cooking oil as possible. Large amounts of used cooking oil should be contained and recycled at the HHW or by a recycler/rendering company.

Be a **Green** Apple,  
don't put FOG down the drain!

