



Fats Oils Grease

COOKING OIL AND GREASE • LARD • BUTTER/MARGARINE • MEAT FATS • SHORTENING SAUCES • ICING • BATTERS • DRESSINGS • DAIRY PRODUCTS

FOG poured or washed down the drain into the sanitary sewer system clings to pipe walls and builds up over time, blocking the flow of wastewater exiting the home or business. When a blockage occurs, raw sewage backs up and overflows inside the home.

HOW TO DISPOSE OF FOG

1. Food residue containing **Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG)** should be disposed of in the trash. NEVER down the drain or toilet.
2. Store grease in a container. Let it harden; then dispose of it in the trash.
3. Wipe FOG residue from pans with a paper towel before washing and put the towel in the trash, or scrape FOG residue into the trash using a spatula and wash the spatula with the pans.
4. Place a strainer in the kitchen sink drain to catch food scraps and other solids. Empty the strainer into the trash.



Good Sewer Practices

Keep it Flowing

The proper care and feeding of your sewer system can help avoid problems.

1. Periodically clean your sewer lateral (line from your house to the street). Contractors are listed under Plumbing in the yellow pages of the phone book.
2. Coffee grounds, eggshells, and most cooking residue can be composted or should go in the garbage. Meat, cheese, bones, and dairy products should not be composted.
3. Cat litter, diapers, baby wipes, cleaning wipes, hair, cigarettes, cotton balls, q-tips, paper towels, and tissues all belong in the trash; not down the toilet or sink.
4. Old medicines **should not** be put in the trash or down the drain. Apple Valley Police Department is one of several drug drop-off locations. For more information call 952-953-2700 or 651-438-4700, or visit: <http://www.dakotacountysheriff.org/drugdropoff.html>. Dispose of household hazardous waste materials at Dakota County's **The Recycling Zone**, 651-905-4520, not down the drain.
6. Use a fine screen in your shower drain to catch hair, and on the laundry discharge hose to catch lint.

