



## MANAGING FATS, OILS AND GREASE

**When fats, oils and grease (FOG) enter the sewer system, they can cause blockages in your sewer lines and within the collection system.**

Following the Best Management Practices below have been proven to be effective in reducing maintenance costs for both businesses and the sewer system owner while protecting the environment.

- Scrape all food and grease from dishes into the garbage prior to washing.
- Dry wipe all pots, pans and grease trays prior to washing.
- Use absorbent materials to prevent FOG from entering floor drains after a spill.
- Collect and dispose of all grease with a licensed grease hauler.
- Have plenty of grease collection containers available at all times.
- Never pour grease directly into a drain.
- Grease traps and grease interceptors must be cleaned on a regular basis to maintain efficiency and to reduce odors.

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