

## To Our Moore County Sewer Customers

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Fats, Oils and Grease

### CLOG THE SEWERS!

Fats, oils and grease are not just bad for your health; they are bad for sewers too. Sewer backups and overflows are typically the result of grease buildup which can cause health hazards, damage home interiors and create environmental problems.

Fats, oils and grease get into the sewers from household drains but mainly from food service establishments that do not have adequate grease control measures in place such as grease traps.

Most grease is the by product of cooking and is usually found in such things as: Food Scraps, Meat Fats, Lard, Cooking Oil, Butter and Margarine, Baking Goods, Sauces and Dairy Products.

### WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

The easiest way to help is by keeping fats, oils and grease out of the sewer in the first place. By doing the following, you can help prevent costly sewer spills and reduce environmental impacts associated with spills:

- Never pour grease, fats and oils down the sink drains or into toilets. Instead collect grease, fats and oil in a container and dispose of it in the garbage.
- Use a paper towel or rag to wipe greasy leftovers from pots and dishes before washing.
- Do not use the sewer as a means to dispose of food scraps. Instead place food scraps in waste containers or garbage bags for disposal with solid waste, or start a compost pile.

**Speak with your friends and neighbors about the problem of grease in the sewer system and how to keep it out.**

