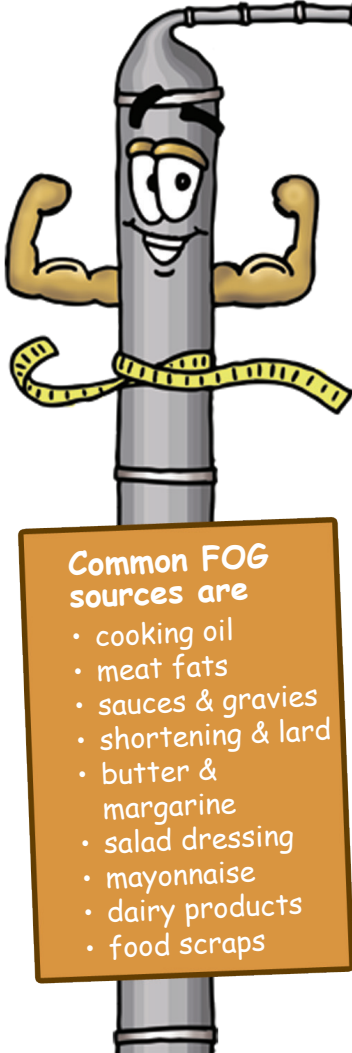


Keep **GREASE** Out of the Sink



Common FOG sources are

- cooking oil
- meat fats
- sauces & gravies
- shortening & lard
- butter & margarine
- salad dressing
- mayonnaise
- dairy products
- food scraps

Fat-free sewer pipes

Grease, oil, and fat aren't just bad for your arteries—they're also bad for your sewer pipes. Keep your sewer pipes fit and trim by putting them on a fat-free diet!

Fats, oils, and grease poured down the drain build up inside the pipes, making them drain slowly or even clog up completely.

Where does it come from?

Fats, oils, and grease—called FOGs—make foods taste good but are not so good when they go down the drain.

Keep FOGs out of the sewer

Fats, oils, and grease get into sewer pipes from dishwashers, garbage disposals, washing pots and pans and from being poured directly down the sink.

Rinsing fats down the drain with hot water and detergent doesn't really work—the grease just moves a little farther down the pipe. Then it cools and coats the inside of your plumbing.

Save money and hassle

Clogged pipes are a hazard and repairs are expensive.

You could end up with some really unpleasant problems, such as backed up toilets or an overflow of raw sewage, putting you in potential contact with disease-causing organisms. Then you might face an expensive and smelly cleanup, followed by a sewer repair bill. What a nuisance!

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GREASE RELIEF - what to do

A little bit of grease from plates and cooking utensils can't be avoided, but you can reduce the amount of grease going into your sewer pipes by following these simple guidelines:

- Never pour oil or grease down the drain.
- Scrape grease into a disposable container and put it in the garbage (hint: freezing will make it mostly solid).
- After scraping, wipe out pans with a paper towel to remove the last of the grease and put the paper towel in the garbage.
- Scrape plates and put greasy food scraps in the garbage instead of running them down the garbage disposal.
- Throw coffee grounds into your compost or the kitchen trash.
- Keep strainers in your sink to catch solids before they go down the drain.
- Pierce County and City of Tacoma residents can dispose of used cooking oil free of charge, even large amounts from deep-fat turkey fryers, at the city's hazardous waste center.

