

# FAT-FREE SEWERS



## Fats, Oils, & Grease (F.O.G)...

The leading cause of residential and commercial sewer backups!

**1 ounce of fat per day = 23 pounds of fat per year**

- Approximately 30% of what we eat is **F.O.G.**
- **F.O.G.** is the cause of most sewer line blockages
- Sewer backups and overflows can cause health hazards, damage homes, and threaten the environment
- Commercial additives only pass grease down the line and cause problems in other areas

- Household drains and poorly maintained grease traps allow for grease to enter your sewer system



- Home garbage disposals do NOT keep grease out of your plumbing system

### Common Sources of Grease:

- Food Scraps
  - Various Meat Fats
  - Baking Goods
  - Cooking Oil
  - Sauces
  - Shortening
  - Lard
  - Dairy Products
  - Butter & Margarine
- These products listed above will create fats, oils, & grease that should not enter into the sewer system and should be wiped out and thrown away

### ***DISASTOROUS RESULTS***

- An expensive and unpleasant clean up that often must be paid for by you, the homeowner or business
- Raw sewage overflowing into you or your neighbors' property or business
- Raw sewage overflowing into parks, yards, & streets
- Potential contact with disease-causing organisms
- Operation maintenance cost increases, resulting in higher sewer bills for customers

### ***HOW TO HELP***

- Never pour grease down sink drains or into toilets
- Scrape any grease from your cooking surfaces into a can or directly into the trash for disposal
- Do not put grease or grease sources down garbage disposals
- Talk to your neighbors about grease in the sewer system and how to keep it out