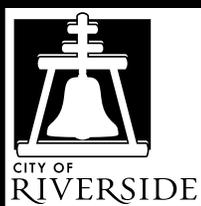


Fat-Free Sewers

Protect Your Home and Preserve Your Environment

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Fats, Oils and Grease

Fats, oils, and greases aren't just bad for your arteries and your waistline; *they're bad for the sewer, too!*

Sewer overflow and backups can cause health hazards, damage home interiors and threaten the environment.

An increasingly common cause of overflow in sewer pipes is blockage caused by grease. Grease gets into the sewer from household drains as well as poorly maintained grease traps in restaurants and other businesses.

Where does the grease come from?

Most of us know grease as a by-product of cooking. Grease is found in things such as meats, sauces, gravies, salad dressings, deep-fried dishes, dairy products, soups, chili, pastas, pastries, butter and margarine.

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The EASIEST way to solve the grease problem and prevent overflow is to keep it out of the sewer system in the first place!

Follow these three easy steps for proper disposal:

- 1** Pour cooled oils and grease into an old glass jar or can and dispose of it in the trash.
- 2** Remove excess grease left on cookware with a paper towel and dispose of it in the trash. Also scrape leftover food scraps from dishes or cookware into the trash.
- 3** Tell your family and friends about protecting their home and preserving the environment through proper disposal of fats, oils and grease.



**NEVER POUR GREASE
DOWN THE DRAIN!**

**Collecting your grease in a container
is the best thing to do.**

**Don't let a sewer spill
happen to you – clean
your home sewer line!**

When grease in a sewer line cools, it can stick to the pipes and over time, block sewers completely. This can lead to raw wastewater backing up into neighborhood homes.

If the blockage originates from your kitchen, your home is likely to be the first affected. Clean-ups are messy and expensive.

Sewer overflows are not only unsanitary and bad for the environment; they are also costly to the city and its customers.

Periodic cleaning of your sewer line is **ESSENTIAL** to keep household waste flowing! If your sewer line is blocked, it is your responsibility to determine the cause and remove the blockage. Most licensed plumbers can provide services to clear your sewer line.

It takes everyone doing their share to keep our sewer lines clean and the environment safe for all of us.