

Don't let the "Grease Grinch" spoil your holiday fun.

It's the holiday season and most households are preparing to cook up a feast. This guide is to help you know what to do with food scraps and grease or oil while making your delicious meals. We would certainly appreciate an invitation but not in the form of a sewer backup complaint after the party is over!

After the meal has been enjoyed and your guests are relaxing in front of the TV, you may be tempted to take some shortcuts while cleaning up.

It may seem like an easy solution to just dump all of the oil and scraps of food down the drain, but it will eventually lead to a big problem.





Oil and grease placed into the plumbing system can congeal and block pipes, causing sewer back-ups. Flushing with hot water will not help!

Avoid calling the plumber. Proper disposal of your cooking oil and other greases may save your home from a clogged drain and a visit from the plumber.





Clogs can also occur outside your home in the public sewage system, resulting in raw sewage overflowing from a manhole in the street or from a cleanout on your property.

As sewage flows down the street, it enters the storm drain system where it is then carried straight into our local waterways without treatment.



Grease is a cause of sanitary sewer blockages in the District and homeowners play a huge part in the success of eliminating these overflows.

Remember what goes down... can come "back up". Please be cautious about the things you pour down the drain. It not only affects you but your neighbor, your community and the environment.

Easy things you can do...

Scrape food scraps from plates and kitchen utensils into the trash before washing. Pour oil and grease into a can or "Fat Trapper" and let cool. Then dispose of in the trash. See contact info on back to get a "Fat Trapper".





Use a paper towel to wipe up small amounts of cooking oil, such as meat drippings. Throw the paper towels in the trash.

Never pour oil and grease down the drain!

If you would like more information about our Fats, Oils & Grease Program, please visit our website:

www.ctrwd.org/pretreatment OR

Contact our Pretreatment Specialists
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Don't be a pain in the drain!



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