







Clay Township Regional Waste District
Wastewater Plant

The District collects over 100 million gallons of sewage from over 12,600 customers every month. Considering that whatever goes down the drain can potentially have harmful effects on the local waterways, it is very important to keep fats and oils, prescription drugs, paint thinners, and other household cleaners out of the drains. Also consider that these things must be removed so that we can return the water back to the environment. This is why it is essential that people understand the importance of maintaining water quality in our community.

Not Safe for Sewers

-  Fats, Oils, Grease, and Food Scrapes
-  Medicine
-  Trash
-  Household Cleaners and Chemicals
-  Sump Pumps
-  Downspouts

Key:

-  Trash
-  Household Hazardous Waste Center
-  Yard

If you would like more information
about our Pretreatment Program,
please visit our website:

www.ctrwd.org/fog

Or

Contact our Pretreatment Specialist

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Love Your Drains

And don't let the heartache of
a clogged drain ruin your
Valentine's Day

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Valentine's Day is right around the corner. While this means that love and romance is in the air, it can also bring heartaches if fats, oils, and greases (FOG) are not disposed of properly. While many people are choosing to create a romantic meal at home in order to save money and avoid the rush of a restaurant, this can also mean an increased potential for the amount of FOG that can enter the sewer system. When FOG enters the sewer system, it solidifies and sticks to the interior walls of the pipe. As materials pass by, they adhere to the grease and oil, eventually causing a build up that can block the entire pipe. This will not only ruin your romantic evening, but can also cause you costly plumber's bills. Properly disposing of your fats, oils, and grease can ensure that Cupid's arrow hits your heart, instead of your pocketbook.



Why Should I be Concerned?



- Prevents grease buildups from blocking sewer lines
- Prevents sanitary sewage from entering into the street and storm drains
- Prevents the health hazards and environmental impacts caused by sewer overflows
- Saves you money on costly plumbing bills and cleanups
- Protects the quality of our water



Where Does Grease Come From?

Many people think that FOG can only come from frying oil and that other items will not cause drain clogs. Here are some other items that can cause your drains problems:

- Meat scraps
- Lard
- Shortening and other cooking oils
- Food scraps
- Dairy Products
- Coffee Grounds
- Garbage
- Egg Shells

Save your Drains the Heartache ... DO

- Put oil and grease in covered collection containers
- Scrape grease and food waste into the trashcan for disposal
- Dry wipe grease off of plate before washing
- Put strainers in sink drains to catch food waste and other solids
- Spread the word to friends and neighbors about how to keep grease out of the sewers
- Start a compost pile to dispose of food waste
- Limit garbage disposal usage

DON'T

- Pour fats, oils, grease, or food waste down the drain
- Run water over dishes, pans, or griddles to wash grease down the drain.

The elimination of FOG discharges into the sewer system continues to be a major focus for Clay Township Regional Waste District. The majority of maintenance problems within the sewer system are caused by unlawful discharges of FOG by residential customers, restaurants and automotive facilities. Remember, homeowners are responsible for maintaining the portion of the sanitary sewer pipe that runs from their homes to the main sewer lines. Since the homeowner's lines are typically smaller than the main sewer lines, they can easily clog causing you unwanted aggravation on your Valentine's Day.

So after the romantic meal has been enjoyed and you are relaxing in front of the TV with your significant other, you may be tempted to take some shortcuts while cleaning up. It may seem like an easy solution, but pouring fryer oil down the drain will just lead to a nastier problem and a visit from the plumber. Proper disposal of your cooking oil and other greases may save your home from a clogged drain and a Valentine's Day visit from the plumber. While everyone wants a visit from Cupid on Valentine's Day, no one wants a visit from a plumber.

