



When F.O.G. Strikes

When fats, oils, and greases enter the wastewater or septic system, it cools, solidifies, and sticks onto the sides of the pipe. Over time, more layers build until the line is completely blocked, causing back up which can lead to:

- Clogged drains and toilets
- Raw sewage backing up into your home and environment
- Expensive clean up, repairs, and replacements
- Unpleasant odors
- Potential public health risks

Myths about F.O.G.

It's ok to pour grease down the drain if I:



Use the garbage disposal

MYTH! – Garbage disposals only grind food before they go down the pipes.



Run hot water

MYTH! – Hot water will eventually cool and build up.



Chase it down with dish soap

MYTH! – Although dish soap breaks up grease, it will eventually lose its effectiveness and the grease will solidify again.



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Beat the F.O.G. Stop the clog.



Fats, Oils, and Greases

What is F.O.G.?

F.O.G. stands for FATS, OILS, and GREASE. They hide in many places...

- **Fats:** baked goods and pastries, lard, butter, cream-based sauces, dairy, gravy, and more.
- **Oils:** vegetable oils, margarine, salad dressings, and more. Also motor oil.
- **Grease:** meat grease, greasy food scraps, and more.

Why is F.O.G. bad?

When it makes its way down the drain, F.O.G. will solidify inside the pipe, creating a clog. This can cause major problems inside your pipes and sewer or septic systems.

Clogs are caused by improper disposal of fats, oils, and grease. Blockages can cause sinks, floor drains, and dishwashers to back up and malfunction.



What you should do:

- ✓ Pour cooled grease into a container with a lid, like an old jar or yogurt cup, and throw it in the trash.
- ✓ Use a paper towel to wipe the rest of the grease or oil from cookware and bakeware.
- ✓ Watch out for sneaky F.O.G. Scrape all food scraps into the trash.
- ✓ Use a strainer in the sink to collect excess food particles.
- ✓ Encourage your neighbors to do the same.



What you should avoid:

- ⊘ Don't pour F.O.G. down the drain.
- ⊘ Don't rinse food scraps off dishes.
- ⊘ Don't pour liquid foods down the drain such as dairy products, syrups, batters, gravy, etc.
- ⊘ Don't clean greasy dishes, pans, or fryers with water before wiping the grease off.
- ⊘ Don't use the garbage disposal to dispose of F.O.G., it can contribute to blocked pipes.
- ⊘ Don't use chemicals to remove grease clogs; they damage the pipes.

