

Nature of Fats, Oils & Grease

- Hydrophobic “water fearing” naturally floats 8-12% lighter than water
Specific Gravity < H₂O
- Oleophilic

Naturally attracted to Materials such as Metal and Plastics.

Stickiness to sewer borne solids.

ITEMS THAT SHOULD NOT BE DISPOSED OF IN THE SEWER SYSTEM:

- Cooking Grease or Oil
- Food Debris
- Diapers and
- Wipes
- Cotton Balls
- Kitty Litter
- Acne Pads
- Dental Foss
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Condoms
- Band Aids
- Paper Towels
- Sanitary Wipes
- Q-Tips
- Rags
- Plastic
- Drinking Straws
- Flushable Wipes

Town of Old Fort

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES

Important Information
On The Prevention Of

Sanitary Sewer
Overflows (SSO)

Caused By Fats, Oils, &
Greases (FOG)

In an effort to reduce the potential for Sanitary Sewer Overflows, (SSO) Residential Services has compiled the following information to help educate our water and sewer customers concerning the best management practice for the disposal of household Fats, Oils and Greases, (FOG).

Each year thousands of gallons of untreated sewage are spilled from collection systems throughout the state of North Carolina because of poor management practices in commercial as well as residential disposal of FOG.

Each reported SSO could result in our community being fined by the Division of Water Quality. Those fines must be paid from the monthly utility bills.

One of our goals is to have no SSO to report from our collection system. This is only possible with the help of our customers. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Most sanitary sewer backups occur between your home and the sewer main with repairs at your own personal expense.

You can help prevent a costly and unsanitary overflow by following these few simple steps:

DO...

- Scrape excess grease into a container and dispose of it as solid waste in the garbage.
- Place food scraps in waste containers or garbage bags for disposal with solid waste or start a compost pile.
- Place a wastebasket in the bathroom to dispose of solid waste, disposable diapers, condoms, and personal hygiene products that do not belong in the sewer system.
- Promote the concept of “3 R’s”, Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

DO NOT...

- Pour fats, oils, and grease from cooking down the drain.
- Use toilet as a wastepaper basket.
- Use the sewer as a means of disposing of waste food.

HOW TO DISPOSE OF GREASE

1. Allow to cool.
2. Use a container with a lid.
3. Pour the cooled oil or grease into container.
4. Place lid on container.
5. Scrape or wipe cookware using paper towel or spatula into garbage before washing.

***Thanks for your help,
Town of Old Fort***