



AVOID HOLIDAY SEWER BACKUP

Holidays are meant to be spent with family and friends. Not waiting on a plumber to unclog your sewer!

PREVENT BACKUPS

COMMON FOG SOURCES

- Gravy, sauce, and dressing
- Cooking oil, butter, shortening, lard, and margarine
- Milk, ice cream, sour cream, and mayonnaise
- Food scraps
- Grease from cooked meats

HELPFUL TIPS

- Scrape off food debris and use a paper towel to wipe off FOG from pots, pans, and tableware before washing.
- Pour oil and grease from cooking into a container such as a coffee can, milk jug, or jar. When it is full, cap securely and dispose of it in the trash.
- Put spilled or waste food material into the trash, not down the drain or garbage disposal.
- Use screens over drains to catch food waste particles, then dispose of them in the trash.
- Minimize use of your garbage disposal. Sinks are not trash cans.
- Do not pour cooking grease or oils down the drain.

DID YOU KNOW?

Cooking grease is the leading cause of sewer backups in homes. Did you also know that plumbing service calls on holidays are very expensive?

When you pour **fats, oils, and grease (FOG)** down your drains, it may build up, block your pipes, and cause messy sewage backups in your home.

Running hot water with the grease may delay problems for a while but will probably just move the problems down the line. The grease will eventually cool, then congeal and coat the pipes. When enough grease has built up, it can block your household plumbing, private lateral lines, and/or city sewer mains.

POSSIBLE FOG-RELATED ISSUES

- Clogged drains
- Sewage backups in your home
- Sanitary sewer overflows in neighborhoods, creeks, parks, yards, and streets
- Expensive cleanup, repair, and replacement of damaged property
- Potential contact with bacteria and viruses that can cause illness
- Higher operating and maintenance costs potentially resulting in higher sewer bills for you

