



# NO GREASE DOWN THE DRAIN

## FIGHT F.O.G. (Fats, Oils, & Grease)

- Grease is a byproduct of cooking
- Grease comes from meat, lard, oil, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, baked goods, sauces and dairy products
- Over time, grease can harden in your pipes, causing them to clog.
- **Don't pour grease down your drain.**
- **Pour it into a steel can to harden and dispose of in your trash can, or you can recycle it.**
- Scrape food particles and grease into your trash can.
- Using your garbage disposal will not prevent grease clogs,



The City of Harker Heights needs the help of all of its residents to keep our sewer system running properly. Liquefied fat, oil or grease that is poured down the kitchen sink drain can cause serious impacts. F.O.G. can cling to the insides of pipes and the sewer system. Over time, it can build up and can eventually block pipes completely. If wastewater cannot move freely through the pipes and into the sewer system, it can back up into your home and cause unsanitary conditions or damages that can be expensive to repair.

**There is a grease recycling receptacle at the City of Harker Heights Transfer Station, located at 1761 E FM 2410. The grease must be in liquid form so it can be poured in to the container. Residents need to bring a current water bill, and drivers license in order to use the Transfer Station.**



## **PLEASE HELP THE CITY STOP ILLICIT DISCHARGES**

If you see sanitary sewer manholes overflowing, or improper dumping into the storm sewer system, please call the Storm Water Hotline

254-953-5649 Monday thru Friday, 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.

OR

254-702-4893 after hours or weekends



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## PROPERLY DISPOSE OF COOKING OIL & GREASE

Cooking oil and grease are wastes that the sewer system cannot handle. These items should not be discarded down the drain. Dumping fat, oil and grease can clog sewer lines, causing sewage back-ups and flooding. Sewage back-ups can damage personal and public property. In severe cases, blockages can lead to sewage back-ups into homes and businesses. Sanitary sewer overflows that run uncontained onto property and roadways will eventually flow into local waterways.



- ⇒ **DO NOT** dump cooking oil, fat and grease into the kitchen sink or the commode
- ⇒ **DO NOT** use hot water and soap to wash grease down the drain, because it will cool and harden in your pipes or in the sewer down the line.
- ⇒ **DO** place cooled cooking oil, poultry and meat fats in sealed non-recyclable containers and discard with your regular garbage.
- ⇒ **DO** use paper towels to wipe residual grease or oil off of dishes, pots and pans prior to washing them.

**PLEASE KEEP OUR SANITARY SEWERS FAT FREE**

**When wastewater ends up in homes, on streets and in streams, it becomes both a public health and environmental concern. Additionally, fats, oils and grease increase the financial cost associated with the operation and maintenance of the sanitary sewer system. For any questions or concerns, please contact Chris Hughes, F.O.G.**

**Collection/Field Supervisor at 254-699-9131.**

