

# Never Pour Grease or Oil in the Sink or Drain!

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) that go down the drains can cause clogs in your household pipes as well as in the sanitary sewers. FOG clogs can cause sewer overflows in your neighborhood. Sanitary sewer overflows pollute Lexington's streams and present a health hazard to people, pets and wildlife. Here are some actions you can take to prevent sewer line blockages and sanitary sewer overflows.



*Sanitary Sewer overflows caused by fats, oils and grease.*



*Sewer line clogged with grease*



*Lexington has to clean grease from lines to correct/prevent sewer overflows*



*Fats, oils and grease can clog your plumbing too!!*

## **HOW TO PREVENT FATS, OILS & GREASE BLOCKAGES & PROBLEMS**

1. **DO NOT** pour any cooking oils or grease into your kitchen sink, bathroom sink, toilet or other drain lines.
2. **Pour all used cooking oils and grease** into a small container (such as an empty coffee can) so it can cool and harden. When the container is full, cap the container or cover it tightly, place in a bag to prevent leakage and place in garbage container.
3. **Dry wipe** all pots, pans and plates before washing in the sink or dishwasher. Use paper towels and wipe grease and food contents into a garbage container.
4. **If you have a kitchen sink garbage grinder**, use this as little as possible since food particles and grease from the grinded material will still clog your pipes and affect the downstream sewer system.



**NO GREASE**

**Please do your part to prevent overflows and protect our streams!!!**