

HOUSEHOLD GREASE MANAGEMENT

Information targeting water quality issues from the Phase II Stormwater Management Communication Committee.

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Prevent household grease from polluting our water ways

Grease accumulation in the sewer system causes obstruction by constricting flow or outright blockage of sewer pipes and interfering with the normal operation of the wastewater treatment system. Sewer backups that can overflow onto streets and into homes can damage property and the environment.

All households play an important role in preventing neighborhood sewer system blockages. All too often fats, oils, and grease are poured down the sink or garbage disposers which are not designed to properly handle these materials. Once fats, oils, and grease enter the drain, it begins to build up in the pipes and can eventually cause blockage and backups.

You can help prevent grease blockages by disposing cooking grease with your local waste collection facility and not into drains or flushed down commodes. Allow the fat to cool and solidify, then scrape it out, wrap it in newspaper or tin foil and dispose of it in your trash bin. Alternatively, pour it into a plastic container and when it has cooled dispose of it in your trash bin.