

PROPER WAYS TO DISPOSE OF GREASE!

✓ Do

- ✓ Use an old coffee can or jar as a grease container
- ✓ Pour greasy or oily food waste into the container, NOT down the drain or garbage disposal
- ✓ Allow animal fats to cool or freeze in the container before throwing them in the trash
- ✓ Mix liquid vegetable fats with an absorbent material such as cat litter or coffee grounds in a sealable container before throwing in the trash

✗ Do Not

- ✗ Pour oil and grease down drains or garbage disposals
- ✗ Use hot water to rinse grease off cookware, utensils, dishes, or surfaces
- ✗ Put food scraps down drains

GREASE IS THE LEADING CAUSE OF SEWER OVERFLOWS!



NEVER POUR GREASE DOWN ANY DRAIN!

For more information, please contact us at
704.399.2221

or

www.cmutilities.com

If you see or suspect a sewer overflow, call
704.357.6064 immediately.

THANK YOU

for helping to protect our environment.

MEET YOUR DRAIN'S WORST ENEMY!



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WHEN GREASE GOES DOWN THE DRAIN, SEWAGE BACKS UP

Over time, kitchen grease and other fats, oils, and greases that are poured down the sink or garbage disposal will enter the sewer system and clog pipes as the grease hardens. These pipe blockages can send wastewater backwards and out of manholes – onto our streets and into our waterways – or they can lead to plumbing backups on private property.

Left unattended, these foul-smelling overflows can cause public or private property damage, or environmental problems. In extreme cases, overflows can lead to public health and safety hazards.

GREASE CLOGS PIPES!



PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT IS EVERYONE'S ROLE

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Utilities has a core mission to protect public health and the environment so that wastewater can be delivered to treatment plants, cleaned up and then released back into our local waterways.

Our challenging goal is to reduce sewer spills to zero through system maintenance and education. But grease is the number one cause of sewer spills and we won't eliminate spills unless we keep grease out of our drains in the first place.



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BUSINESSES CAN HELP LIMIT GREASE BUILD-UP

Charlotte's city ordinances regulate how businesses dispose of fats, oil, and grease. Utilities Oil & Grease program inspectors regularly visit restaurants and food preparation establishments to evaluate their grease control measures. Restaurant owners and other food preparation establishments must have adequate grease control measures in place.

Proper methods for disposing of oil & grease in restaurants and food service establishments

- ↘ Put oil and grease in collection containers
- ↘ Remove oil and grease from kitchen utensils, pots, pans, and food preparation areas with scrapers/towels/brooms
- ↘ Keep grease out of wash water
- ↘ Place food scraps in collection containers



CLOGS CAUSE SEWAGE BACKUPS!



PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT FROM HOME

Household kitchen drains are a major source of fats, oils and greases. And a lot of grease-related overflows come from apartments and houses all across our community. Remember that grease blockages can also cause wastewater to overflow inside your own home and damage your property.

Proper methods for disposing of oil & grease in your home

- ↘ Use an old coffee can or jar as a grease container
- ↘ Pour greasy or oily food waste into the container, NOT down the drain or garbage disposal
- ↘ Freeze or cool animal fats before discarding in the trash
- ↘ Mix liquid vegetable fats with an absorbent material such as cat litter or coffee grounds in a sealable container before throwing in the trash



MAKE A GREASE KIT!



ALLOW GREASE TO COOL & THROW IT IN THE TRASH