

BASIC SEWER CARE

Flushing or sending products down the drain that shouldn't be may cause damage to your home, belongings, and surrounding community.

HERE'S A FEW COMMON SEWER CLOGS:

- ✓ Grease and oils
- ✓ Paper products
- ✓ Hair and lint

We rely on our customers to keep us informed if they notice something not working properly.

SOME QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

- Does your drain run slower than usual?
- When water drains, does it gurgle?
- Does water drained elsewhere appear in certain appliances?
- Is there any wetness around the floor drain in your basement?
- Do you have plumbing issues during rain?
- Have you experienced sewer-like odors?

If you are experiencing issues, give us a call!



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 www.umja.org
Visit our website for information
on contacting us in the event of
a sewer emergency.

NOW AVAILABLE: E-billing and an online customer portal! Visit our website to learn more about both. Plus- make sure we have your up to date contact information to receive notifications as needed by phone, text and email.



UPPER MONTGOMERY JOINT AUTHORITY

F.O.G.

Fats, Oils, and Greases



Protecting your pipes:

Improper disposal of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) can lead to backups in our community's sewer system.

Use this resource as a guide to understanding and properly managing FOG!

THE FOG MONSTER



The FOG Monster is best known for clogging sewer pipes!

Fats, oils and grease (FOG) must be disposed of properly. If not, a sewer back-up can occur which can result in a very stinky and costly mess!

At UMJA, we rely on our community to join us in caring for our sewer system. Many times, issues can be avoided by a combination of awareness and effort.

There are many benefits to keeping FOG out of your sewer system. And most are easy, simple changes you can make at home!

Risks of sending Fats, Oils and Greases down the drain:

- Raw sewage overflowing into your home, business, or onto the streets and into storm drains.
- Potential contact with disease-causing bacteria and organisms.
- An increase in your sewer systems' operations and maintenance costs.

WHAT IS FOG?

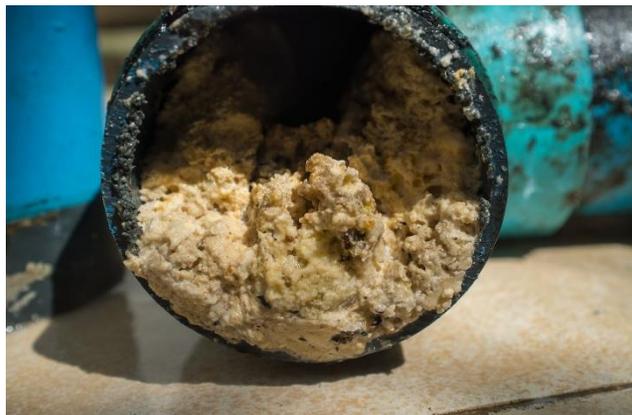
Fats, oils and greases (FOG) are a material either liquid or solid, composed primarily of fat, oil and grease from animal or vegetable sources.

Some common household fats, oils and greases:

- Cooking oils
- Grease from cooking
- Dairy products
- Lard and meat fats
- Batters and icing
- Food and griddle scraps
- Butter/margarine
- Grease from vent hoods

FOG is generated by everyone who prepares or cooks food. Whenever oils or grease are being generated, there is a need to dispose of it properly.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?



The same chemicals that clog arteries in people, clog the pipes in wastewater systems. When sent down the drain, FOG solidifies and sticks to not only the surface of our sewer pipes but other solids that are normally found in the system.

Eventually the inside of sewer pipes begin to clog, limiting your wastewater's ability to flow.

Clogged pipes will cause sewage back-ups into your home, yard, or even into public areas.

WHAT YOU CAN DO AT HOME



There are a variety of DO's and DON'Ts that you should observe to keep the FOG Monster out of our wastewater system:

- Refrain from pouring oil, grease, or fats down any drains in your home.
- Soak up grease after frying with paper towels and then put into the trash.
- Pour larger amounts of used cooking grease into a container with a lid. Refrigerate to harden, and then place in the trash.
- Minimize the use of your garbage disposal, putting food scraps directly in the garbage.
- Scrape extra grease and greasy food off plates and cookware before placing into your dishwasher.
- Install drain screens to prevent grease and food particles from entering pipes.

Sourced from Pennsylvania Water Environment Association and National Restaurant Association

RESOURCES FOR RESTAURANTS

For more information on UMJA's FOG Management Program for food service facilities, or to find more resources: **visit our website at www.UMJA.org**