

Grease Reduction Program

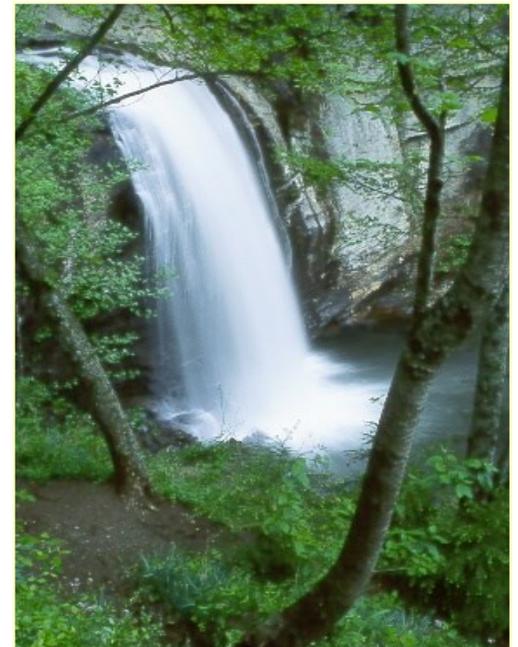
The City of Brevard needs your help in keeping our streams and City streets clean. Grease build-up in our city's sewer system causes blockages. These blockages can result in sanitary sewer overflows that pollute our streams, streets and even your home! These unpleasant discharges of sanitary sewer not only create an environmental hazard and pollution, but can also cause major damage to homes and businesses.

By following just a few simple measures while cooking, you can help eliminate unwanted grease. Your efforts will greatly reduce sewer maintenance and operation expense as well as the public health risks that are involved with sanitary sewer overflows.



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**Help keep our City
and our streams
clean!**



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DON'T FORGET THE GREASE!

Managing grease is not only for residential customers. Many of North Carolina's sanitary sewer overflows are a direct result of blockages from fats, oils, and grease (FOG) accumulation from residential, institutional and commercial sources. Restaurants, snack bars, cafeterias can prevent blockages by using properly sized grease traps for their establishments, practice dry cleanup methods, spill prevention, FOG recycling participation, and by properly maintaining and cleaning equipment and surfaces used.

For more information and recommendations regarding FOG management, contact the NCDENR Division of Environmental Health.



FATS, OILS AND GREASE...

What's the problem?

Too often grease is washed into the plumbing system, usually through the kitchen sink. Grease sticks to the insides of sewer pipes (both on your property and in the streets). Over time the grease can build up and block the entire pipe.

Cooking grease in the form of lard, shortening, and cooking oils can all build up on the inside of sewer pipes causing line blockages, or worse, Sewer System Overflows (SSO's—the discharge of untreated wastewater into the environment). The EPA has determined that SSO's are the number one cause of pollution in our national waterways.

Commercial additives, including detergents, that claim to dissolve grease only pass grease down the line and cause problems in other areas. The results can be sewage overflowing in your home or your neighbor's causing expensive and unpleasant cleanups. This increases the potential risk to public health and the operation and maintenance costs for the City.

A sewer line blockage is the problem!



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

The easiest way to solve the grease problem and help prevent overflows of raw sewage is to keep this material out of the sewer system in the first place.

NEVER

Pour grease down sinks, drains, or toilets.



Instead...

1) Pour or scrape grease from pots and pans into a can.



Store...

2) Cover and refrigerate.



Then,...

3) When chilled, remove grease can and throw away in the trash.

