

MRWPCA UPDATE

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Stop the Clogs!

Is There FOG in Your Drains?

Clogged pipes cause sewage to overflow onto the street and into the storm drain. The leading cause of sewage overflows are cooking oil, grease and fat (FOG). They cool and congeal inside sewer pipes and build up over time like arterial sclerosis. Eventually, pipes become clogged.

Keeping FOG out of the drain prevents unwanted back-ups in your home, costly emergency plumbing call-outs — and protects the environment.

Where's the Grease?

Whether frying, barbecuing or baking, and whether it's a packaged meal from the supermarket or a lovingly prepared, from-scratch gastronomic delight, many food items



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contain clog-inducing FOG. A few you may not have considered are listed below:

- Roasted chicken or turkey drippings
- Pie and cookie dough
- Sauces and gravy
- Sauté oil and butter
- BBQed steak juices remaining on the dinner plate

Make Your Sewer FOG Free

Here's how:

- Scrape plates and cookware and pour cooking oil and grease into a bag or can.
- Use plastic garbage bags to prevent leaks.

Recycle Turkey Fryer Oil

Many residents now fry their turkeys. But what happens to all of the used oil? Here is the environmentally sound solution: Residents may take up to 10 gallons to their local landfill's household hazardous waste collection facility — FREE of charge. *The oil is reused for animal feed, so do not mix it with motor oil.*



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