

STOP THE BLOB

HOW DOES A GREASE BLOB FORM?

Pouring fats, oil and grease (FOG) down the drain sticks to the insides of the wastewater pipes and creates a gooey-gross Grease Blob. The more you feed him the bigger he gets until he causes a monster of a clog.

FAT

OIL

GREASE

GREASE BLOB FACTS

Grease Blobs are a big contributor to "Fatbergs". Fatbergs in the United Kingdom have been as big as a double-decker bus and have weighed as much as 13 elephants.

Based on an estimated population of 978,908 (U.S. Census, 7/1/2019), if every person in Austin poured just one teaspoon of FOG down the drain, it would be the equivalent of dumping nearly 1,275 gallons of FOG into the sewer.

WHAT ARE SOURCES OF FOG?

FOG comes from a variety of animal fats and/or vegetable oils that are used to prepare food or are found in food. Examples include (but are not limited to): cooking oil, meat drippings, butter, sauces, gravy, dairy products, and salad dressing.

WHY SHOULD I HELP STOP THE GREASE BLOB?

By doing your part to Stop the Grease Blob, you can:

- Help prevent grease buildups from blocking sewer lines in your home & local community.
- Assist in stopping sewer overflows into streets and storm drains.
- Save money spent on unclogging your pipes & cleanups of sewage spills.
- Protect the local water quality & environment.

HOW CAN I STOP THE GREASE BLOB?

- Scrape food scraps into the trash (or compost if you can) and use a strainer to catch anything that shouldn't go down the drain.
- Collect cooking oil in a container then toss into the trash or take the container to the Austin Resource Recovery's Recycle & Reuse Drop-off Center.
- Use paper towels or wipes to remove grease. DON'T FLUSH, toss them into the trash.

IS THERE ANYTHING I SHOULDN'T DO?

- Don't run water over dirty dishes and pans to wash FOG down the drain.
 - The water only helps the FOG get a little farther down the pipes.
- Don't dispose of food scraps down the garbage disposal.
 - Garbage disposals only grind up the greasy, fatty foods into smaller particles, which can make it even easier for it to cling to pipes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: www.austintexas.gov/department/grease-blob

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