

Prevent Sewer Backups and Overflows, Properly Dispose of your Kitchen Grease



Pouring fats, oils, and grease (FOG) down the drain clogs plumbing and can cause sewage to overflow into your home or neighborhood. Sewage overflows are hazardous to public health and the environment. Clean up and repairs are costly. FOG comes from food like cooking oil, meat

drippings, butter, sauces, gravy, dairy products, and even salad dressing.



Sewage overflow at an Austin apartment complex.



Follow these simple steps to prevent grease blockages in your neighborhood:

Collect cooled cooking oil or grease in a container, such as a can, bottle, or jar. Recycle your used cooking oil and grease or toss the sealed container in the trash.



Scrape food scraps and leftovers into the trash or your city compost bin. Avoid using the garbage disposal.



Use paper towels to wipe greasy residue from dishes, pots, and pans before washing them. Toss paper towels into the trash or city compost bin.



Take your used cooking oil and grease to a recycling location below or find collection events on our website.



City of Austin
Household Hazardous Waste Facility
2514 Business Center Drive

Ecology Action
Corner of E. 9th St. & IH-35
Open 24 hours, 7 days per week

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