

# 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 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, schedule a Household Hazardous Waste pickup with Austin Resource Recovery (ARR) or take the container to ARR'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.