

# ATTENTION!

## Fats, Oils and Grease (F.O.G.) are Threatening YOUR Plumbing

### What is F.O.G.?

FOG stands for **Fats, Oils and Grease**. It is the number one cause of sewer system blockages in the Metro Atlanta area. FOG sticks to the walls of your plumbing and the sewer system and can build up over time. Eventually, it can completely block your plumbing or the sewer system.



### How does F.O.G. affect YOU?

Blockages in your plumbing or the sewer system can result in sewer overflows. FOG related overflows can result in property damage, environmental damage and civil penalties and fines. Residents may be held liable for all damages and clean-up costs for a resident caused sewer back-up.

### Where does F.O.G. come from?

Meats | Cooking Oils | Dairy Products  
Sauces, Dressings and Marinades

### How does F.O.G. get in?

FOG enters the sewer system through **YOUR** plumbing. Common methods of entry include pouring FOG down the kitchen sink or toilet and using a garbage disposal to dispose of food scraps. The garbage disposal does not eliminate FOG; it merely chops it up into smaller pieces. All FOG and food scraps should be thrown in the trash, not down the drain.



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### What can YOU do to help?



#### POUR

Allow FOG to cool. Pour any liquids into a sealable, disposable container and place in trash.



#### SCRAPE

Use a spatula or a similar utensil to scrape any solid FOG and food particles into the trash.



#### DRY WIPE

Use a paper towel to dry wipe any remaining FOG residue into the trash. Place used paper towels in trash.



#### Use a Sink Strainer

Use a sink strainer to catch any food particles that may be left on dishware and place in trash.