Facts You Need to Know

Cooking grease coats the inside of pipelines similar to the way that fatty foods can clog human arteries. As the grease builds up, complete blockage eventually results.

Grease should never be poured down the drain.

Residential pipes clog easily, since they are only 2 to 4 inches in diameter.

Many people are unaware that pouring hot water and detergent down the drain only temporarily breaks up the grease. If small amounts accidentally get into your drain, flush immediately with cold water.

Flushing grease down the toilet also causes sewer backups.

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COOKING GREASE RECYCLING

How **you** can help prevent sewer spills

Cooking grease is the primary cause of most residential pipe and sewer line blockages, which can result in overflows of City of Clearwater sanitary sewer lines.

Don't pour grease down the drain. Improper disposal of fats, oils, and greases can cause problems in city sewer lines, or the wastewater collection system. Improper disposal of fats, greases, and oils can cause serious, costly sewer problems by creating blockages in pipes. Cooking grease is the primary cause of most residential pipe and city sewer main blockages. Other common household oils include salad dressings, meat drippings, bacon fat, and greasy leftovers.

Fats, oils, and greases enter the wastewater collection system from two sources: restaurants and homes. Disposal from restaurants is regulated, but residents are encouraged to stop pouring grease down the drain.

If you are unable to recycle , by following a few simple steps, you can get rid of grease safely:

Once it cools, pour all cooking oil into an old coffee can, juice container, or other non-recyclable package, and throw it in the garbage.

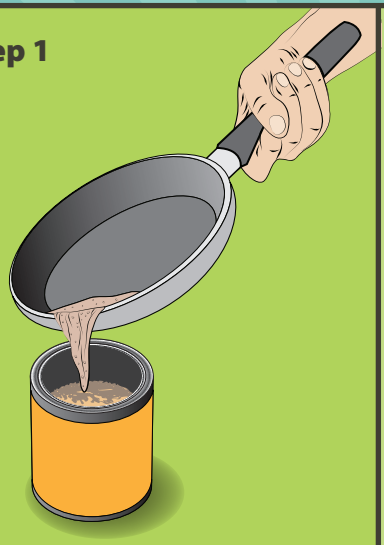
Wipe greasy leftovers from dishes and pots with a disposable towel before washing by hand or in a dishwasher.

Put fat trimmings from meats in the trash can instead of in the garbage disposal.

RECYCLE YOUR GREASE IN 3 EASY STEPS!

Help prevent sewer spills and costly plumbing repairs by recycling your leftover greases, fats, and oils. Effective April 1, the city's Grease Recycling Program is available to all city residents.

Step 1



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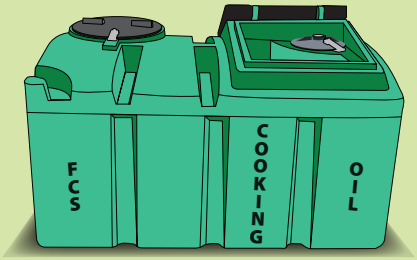
Step 2

Wipe greasy leftovers from dishes and pots with a spatula or disposable towel prior to washing the dishes.

Step 3



Take your used cooking oil to the city's recycling drop-off center, located at 1701 N. Hercules Ave. This center is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Participation in the program is free. Oil recycling is available on a drop-off basis only. Due to limited resources, there currently is no curbside pick-up of oils for recycling.