

# F.O.G.

## Fats, Oils & Grease

### ***Where does FOG come from:***

- Meat
- Lard
- Vegetable oils-including canola, olive, sesame, etc.
- Shortening
- Butter or margarine
- Food scraps
- Baked Goods



### ***Why is FOG a problem?***

When fats, oils and grease get into the sewer system, they stick to the inside of the pipes. Over time, FOG will buildup in the pipe and create a blockage. Here are some possible results of a FOG CLOG:

- Raw sewage overflowing into your home, yard or street.
- Expensive clean-up procedures.
- Damage to the environment, including algae blooms and fish kills.

#### **Sewer Blockage Formation**



The start of a blocked pipe begins when grease and solids collect on the top and sides of the pipe interior.



The build-up increases over time when grease and other debris are washed down the drain.



Excessive accumulation will restrict the flow of wastewater and can result in a sanitary sewer overflow.

### ***What can you do to help?***

- For small amounts of grease, wipe out pots and pans with a paper towel after cooking and throw the paper towel in the garbage.
- Scrape or pour grease and food scraps into a can or jar, then throw it in the garbage when it's full.
- Put a strainer into the sink drain to catch food scraps and then throw the scraps in the garbage.
- Spread the word! Speak to your neighbors and friends about FOG to increase your impact!