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AVOID A CLOG – KEEP OIL AND GAS OUT OF YOUR DRAIN!

What is the Problem?

When you allow fats, oils, and grease, also known as FOGs, to go down the drains in your home, this can cause many problems. Grease and fat from products such as butter, dairy products, cooking oils, meat, and salad dressing can harden and clog the sewer system, very much like a human artery. Blockages in the system may result in a sewage backup into your home, resulting in expensive clean up costs and repairs to your sewer pipes, home, and belongings. Blockages may also trigger an overflow or back up of sewage into the streets or waterways creating a public health risk and threatening the environment.

How can I Help?

Here are a few tips on how to prevent sanitary sewer overflows, backups, and costly repairs:

- Place a basket or strainer in the sink drain to catch food scraps and other solids, then dispose of in the garbage.
- Pour all cooled cooking oils and grease that will harden, such as meat drippings, into an old container with a lid and dispose of it in the garbage.
- Wipe down greasy pots, pans, or dishes with a disposable cloth before washing or placing in the dishwasher, then dispose of the cloth in the garbage.
- Remove and place all greasy food scraps from pots, pans, or dishes in the garbage, not in the garbage disposal.
- Speak with your friends about prevention methods to keep oil and grease out of the sanitary sewer system.