

How to Dispose of Cooking Oil and Grease



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 is washed down the drain.



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

MYTHS

1. It's okay to pour grease down the drain if I run hot water with it.

This only moves the grease further down the sewer line. Eventually the water will cool and the grease will begin to solidify and coat the pipes.

2. It's okay to pour liquid oils down the drain.

Liquid cooking oils float on water and easily adhere to sewer pipes. The oily film can collect food particles and other solids that will create a blockage.

3. As long as I can use the garbage disposal it's okay to put fat, oil, and grease down the drain.

Using the garbage disposal only grinds particles up before passing them into the sewer pipes. It does not prevent build-up or blockages

4. If I use dish soap while pouring the fat, oil, and grease down the drain it will break it up and allow it to pass through the pipes.

Dish soap only temporarily breaks up the fat, oil, and grease. Further down the sewer line all that grease, oil, and fat will begin to congeal and cause a blockage.

DO'S	DON'TS
Pour oil and grease into an empty container, such as an old can, and allow it to cool completely. Once it has solidified, dispose of it in the trash.	Don't pour cooking oil, pan drippings, grease, salad dressings, or sauces down the sink.
Wipe down pots, pans, and utensils with a disposal towel prior to washing.	Don't use cloth towels or rags to scrape plates or clean greasy or oily dishware. When you wash those cloths, the grease will end up in the sewer.
Scrape food scraps into the trash.	Don't scrape food into your garbage disposal. Grinding food up before rinsing it down the drain does not remove fats, oils and greases; it just makes the pieces smaller.