

CLEAR THE FOG



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AVOID THE CLOG

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WHAT IS F.O.G.?

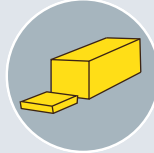
F.O.G. stands for fats, oils and grease. F.O.G. comes from food, including meats, dairy and sauces. It can be liquid or solid, or liquid that solidifies once cooled. Common sources include:



Condiments
(ex. mayonnaise, salad dressings)



Cooking Oils
(ex. vegetable oil, olive oil, coconut oil)



Butter, Margarine and Shortening



Meat and Meat Drippings
(ex. bacon, sausage, fish, pork)



Sauces, Gravies, Marinades and Soups



Dairy
(ex. milk, cream, cheese, yogurt, ice cream)



Food Scraps
including baked goods

WHY IS F.O.G. BAD FOR PIPES?

Fats, oils and grease are not easily water soluble, even in liquid form. When they are dumped down drains or flushed down toilets, they harden and stick to the walls of pipes. As F.O.G. accumulates in pipes, water flow is restricted and can eventually result in messy and costly blockages or back-ups into buildings and streets.

WHAT NOT TO DO WITH F.O.G.:



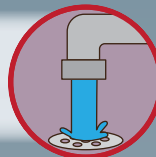
Do NOT pour any cooking residues or oils into drains or toilets

Do NOT put any food scraps down drains, garbage disposals or toilets



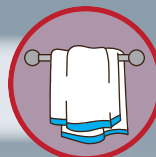
Do NOT pour liquid foods, such as sauces or dressings, down drains or toilets

Do NOT rinse F.O.G. off cooking pans, or use hot water to dissolve and rinse F.O.G. down drains



Do NOT use chemical cleaners to remove a F.O.G. clog

Do NOT use cloth towels to wipe up F.O.G.

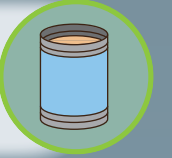


TO KEEP PIPES CLEAR OF F.O.G.:



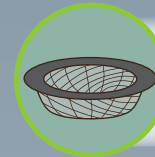
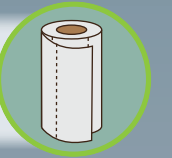
Let liquid F.O.G. cool and pour into a sealable disposable container, such as an empty milk jug

Liquid F.O.G. that solidifies when cooled can be poured into a disposable container, such as an empty food can, and thrown into the trash once cooled



Scrape solid F.O.G. into a disposable container or directly into the trash

Scrape food scraps off dishes and wipe them with paper towels before rinsing in sink



Use mesh strainers over drains to catch food scraps and discard in the trash