

How can you help protect your home's plumbing and our environment?

- Never pour grease down sinks, toilets, or any drains.
- Pour grease into a can for disposal in the trash.
- Scrape grease and food scraps into a can or the trash for disposal.
- Wipe cookware and dishes before washing. Commercial additives in detergents only dissolve grease temporarily.
- Talk with your friends and neighbors about the grease problem, so that the community is aware of the risk..

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Can It, Cool It



Dispose It



Grease myths.....

"I can dissolve grease in my pipes with hot water."

FALSE! Hot water gives the illusion of dissolving grease. It really just pushes the grease further down the drain, where it quickly cools and sticks inside the pipe.

"I don't create enough grease to clog pipes."

FALSE! Once deposited inside a pipe, grease does not go away. Over time, any household can put enough grease down a drain to clog its pipes. Even your "little bit" of grease builds up over time. Combined with the "little bit" that other people put down the drain, it can soon be a problem for everyone!

"I can flush grease down my toilet."

FALSE! Flushing grease down the toilet just creates build-up in the toilet drain.

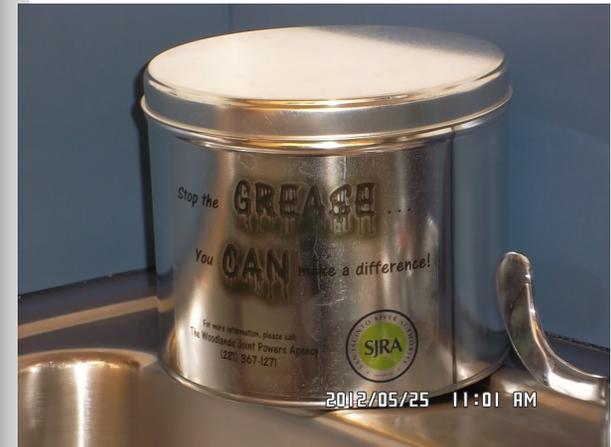
"It doesn't matter what I do because I am in an apartment complex with lots of other kitchens."

FALSE! Apartments are especially vulnerable to grease clogs because there are so many kitchens draining into the sewer system at one point. Every apartment needs to keep grease out of the drain."



CAN THE GREASE

Protect your plumbing and
The environment



**DON'T POUR GREASE
DOWN THE DRAIN!**

- Prevent grease clogs in your drains
- Prevent sewage backups into your home
- Save on plumber's bills
- Prevent your higher sewer bills

Only YOU can CAN The Grease

Fats, oils and grease from cooking and food all contribute buildup in your pipes and the pipes that run from your house to the municipal Sewer system. Fats, oils and grease are frequently poured down the drain because the warm oils are liquid and can easily be poured. It may not appear to be harmful but as the liquid cools, it solidifies into a hardened mass and causes buildup inside pipes. This buildup restricts flow of sewage and clogs pipes at your residence and at municipal sewer system.

In fact, grease is a major cause of dry weather sanitary sewer overflows, which are potential threats to our health and the environment.

The easiest action that residents and businesses can take is to simply "Can the Grease" by storing grease or oil in a metal can with plastic liner and disposing of the liner/can in the garbage instead of pouring grease or oil down the drain.

Where is grease produced?

Restaurants, condominiums, apartments, homes, schools, churches, hospitals, hotels, and other food service establishments.

Grease is a by-product of cooking and is generally found in the following items:

- **Meat fats**
- **Food scraps**
- **Lard**
- **Baking goods**
- **Cooking oil**
- **Sauces**
- **Shortening**
- **Dairy products**
- **Butter and Margarine**

What problems are caused by grease?

- Clogged drains or toilets.
- Sewage backups into your home.
- Sewer overflows in neighborhood parks, yards, and streets.
- Rancid odors.
- Expensive cleanup, repair, and replacement of damaged property.
- Higher operating and maintenance costs for local municipalities, potentially resulting in higher sewer bills for you

Never pour grease down the sink, pour the hot grease into a metal can, let it cool down, then you can throw it into the regular trash. So remember, GREASE is the Word. Do your part and help to minimize the negative impact of grease in our sewer system.

How can you help Can the Grease? Make your own can.

SJRA gives out a limited number of Grease Cans to raise awareness about disposing of grease in a way that is good for your plumbing, municipal sewer system, and our environment .

However, you can make your own Grease Can. A metal coffee can with a plastic lid or empty metal soup or vegetable cans make great Grease Cans. Line your can with disposable heat-resistant oven bags. Throw the liners away and reuse the can.

Prevent Grease related sewage overflows: Keep cooking grease out of the sewer system.

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DON'T

