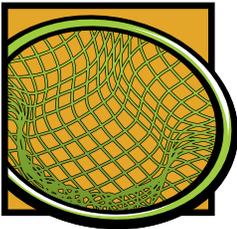


FOG Prevention Checklist

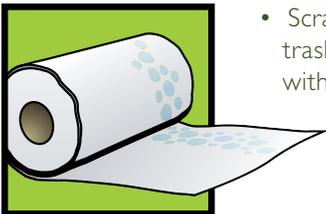
Keeping the CLOG Mob from going down the drain and into your pipes is easy. Just follow these simple practices for food preparation and clean up:



- Pour liquid food scraps, e.g. sauces, milkshakes, into a container and place in the trash can
- Pour used oil into a container with a top (the original if available) so it can be reused, recycled, or placed in the trash can for disposal
- Pour cooled grease into a grease can or other container for disposal and/or absorb with paper towels or newspaper



- Use mesh drain strainers to catch solid food scraps for disposal in a trash can



- Scrape plates over the trash can or dry-wipe with a paper towel

Remember:

The drain is not a dump and garbage disposals don't fight **FOG!**

To report a spill or overflow or to report illegal dumping, please call 678.376.7000.

To schedule someone to speak with your school, scout troop, civic group, or homeowners' association, please contact:

James Jones
Grease Management Supervisor
684 Winder Highway
Lawrenceville, GA 30045
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james.jones@gwinnettcounty.com

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The **CLOG Mob** (**C**reating **L**ots **O**f **G**unk) is made up of some devious culprits that come from everyday food preparation and cooking. You may not even realize they are lurking around just waiting to get washed down the drain so they can back up sewer pipes and cause a big mess in Gwinnett County homes, streets, and waterways. **Who are these characters?**



Fats Fiend

Profile: sneaks in through meat and dairy foods; solid at room temperature

Sources: meat trimmings, uncooked poultry skin, cheeses, ice cream, peanut butter, and butter

Fighting Tip: place directly in trash can; garbage disposal only reduces the size of **Fats Fiend**



Oil Offender

Profile: slinks in as food topping such as salad dressing, or when food is cooked in oil such as deep-frying; liquid at room temperature

Sources: vegetable oil, canola oil, olive oil, salad dressing (oil-based)

Fighting Tip: pour into jar or can with lid before placing in trash can; the **Oil Offender** can reform in pipes even if soap is used



Grease Goblin

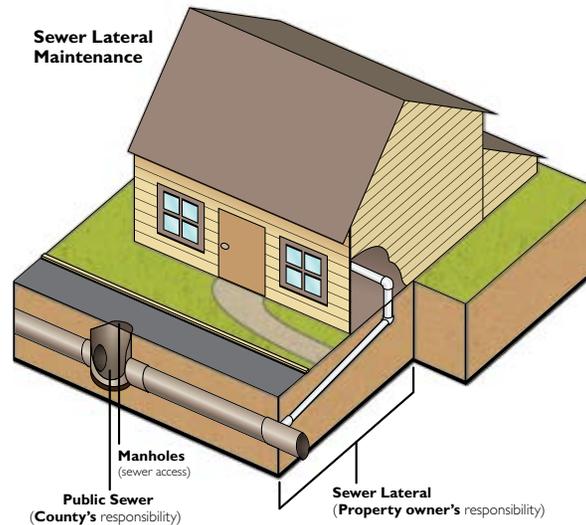
Profile: Creeps in during cooking; starts as a liquid and then cools to a solid

Sources: cooked/melted fat from meat such as bacon, sausage, "skim" from boiled poultry such as chicken, gravy, and mayonnaise

Fighting Tip: Pour liquid grease in container with lid and place in trash can once it has hardened; running hot water over greasy cookware in the sink only pushes it into the pipes where **Grease Goblin** turns solid

FOG Costs the County and You!

Pouring a little bacon grease down the drain or tossing meat scraps in the garbage disposal may not seem like a big deal, but every little bit adds up and can create major clogs and blockages in sewer lines that are part of the County's collection system. Once a line is blocked, wastewater can back up into streets, yards, homes, and even spill into Gwinnett's rivers and streams. If the clog occurs in the sewer lateral, then clean-up becomes the property owner's responsibility.



Even overflows that happen in the County's area of responsibility can cost you. Spills may damage the ecology of a stream. Plus, depending on the size of the spill, there may be a fine. Also, it's ratepayers who fund the expense of maintaining and repairing the collection system and treatment facilities—so in essence, if you are connected to sewer in Gwinnett, you have a vested interest in the whole system. Cleaning up spills and repairing pipelines affects the bottom line of the Department of Water Resources' operations which ultimately determines rates. The combined cost of private property damage and clean-up of **FOG**-related spills can run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars annually.

The good news is that **YOU** can help unplug the **FOG** by following our **FOG Prevention Checklist**.

FOG Fact:

If every person in Gwinnett County poured just one teaspoon of FOG down the drain, it would be the equivalent of dumping 18 55-gallon drums of **FOG** into a sewer

About the County's FOG Prevention Program

- Established 2000
- Updated ordinance 2008
- Operates in accordance with the *US Clean Water Act* and the *Georgia Water Quality Control Act*
- Relies on three full-time inspectors to monitor restaurants and commercial kitchens
- Has jurisdiction over most of the sewer collection system within the county