



Fats, Oil, and Grease



WHO GENERATES FATS, OIL AND GREASE?

Fats, oil and grease that ends in the Cabot Waterworks wastewater collection system originates from a variety of sources; residential, commercial, industrial, public and private facilities.

Fats, oil and grease clog the pipes in the sewer system. The sewage blockages and overflows are an invitation for diseases and illnesses, to cause damage to homes, and contaminate the environment.

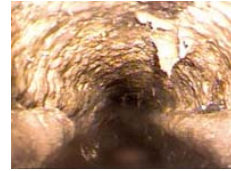
The first line of defense and the easiest way to solve the greasy buildup problem in our community and prevent sewer overflows is keeping fats, oil and grease out of the sewer system.

What can you, the citizens of Cabot, can do to help?

- Don't pour fats, oil and grease down sinks, drains or toilets.
- Scrape grease material and food scraps from all cookware and dishware for trash disposal.
- Use strainers in sink drains to catch food.
- Don't put grease or greasy food in your garbage disposal.
- Recycle cooking oil.
- Put unusable fats, oil and grease in a sealed container and dispose properly in the trash can.

What are the benefits to the customer?

- Sewer blockages and overflows cost everyone. Maintenance crews are dispatched with specialized equipment to remove the cause of the blockage. This is expensive and unpleasant to the customer and the repair crew.
- Sewer overflows caused spillage into the streets, creeks and streams, parks and yards. The spills are unsightly and have a negative impact on our environment.
- Backups into homes are costly and have an unpleasant odor. If the blockage is tracked back to the customer, then it is the customer's responsibility to clean up and repair any damages.
- Keep sewer rates from increasing by stabilizing maintenance requirements.



Why is all this important?

When fats, oil and grease are released into the sewer lines in any amount, it degrades the collection system's ability to remove waste from our community.

We must keep raw sewage out of our businesses, homes, yards, streets, storm drains and streams.

IT IS UP TO US TO PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND OUR COMMUNITY BY PREVENTING SEWER BLOCKAGES AND OVERFLOWS.



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