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## Why A Fats, Oils and Grease Program

### Introduction

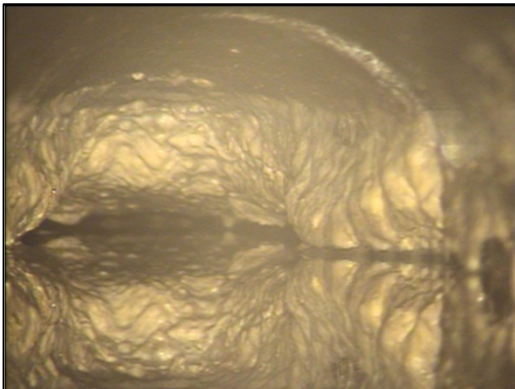
Fats, oils and grease (FOG) cause serious problems in the sewer system. When a product containing FOG is poured down the drain, the FOG cools, solidifies and floats to the top of other liquids within the sewer pipe. As the FOG cools, it sticks to the walls of sewer pipes, and over time, restricts wastewater flow. Clogs and overflows can create smelly, dirty messes that could result in possibly damaging businesses, properties, profits, as well as the environment. Common sources of FOG include food scraps, meat fats, cooking oils, lard, baked goods, salad dressings, sauces and marinades.



Clean Pipe



Grease Coated Pipe



Grease Clogged Pipe



Sewer Spill

### FOG Impacts

FOG blockages can cause sewer overflows into businesses, nearby homes or local waterways. Overflows impacting public health, water ways and storm drains may result in expensive fines and cleanup costs. Preventing FOG from entering sewers can avoid these problems.

### Benefits of FOG Prevention

Preventing grease related sewer blockages and overflows benefits you and the environment by:

- Avoiding expensive clean-up costs and penalties
- Avoiding the loss of business due to sewer back-ups
- Keeping the environment clean