



## Did You Know?

Fats, oils, and grease (F.O.G.) may cause:

- Raw sewage overflowing into homes—clean up is expensive and unpleasant, and often must be paid for by homeowners
- Raw sewage overflowing into yards, streets and parks
- Exposure to disease-causing organisms
- An increase in operation and maintenance costs for local sewer departments, bringing about higher sewer bills for Baltimore County sewer customers



Help Sustain Baltimore County's  
Fats, Oils, and Grease Program



## Put fats, oils, and grease where they belong.

- 1** Never pour F.O.G. into your sink or toilet. Rather, dispose of F.O.G. into a small can, storing in the freezer until full. When it's full, throw it into the trash.
- 2** When there is F.O.G. residue in a pan or on a dish, wipe it with a paper towel before washing and throw the towel in the trash.
- 3** Place a strainer in the kitchen sink drain to catch food scraps and other solids, then empty the strainer into the trash.

*50% of all grease blockages are caused by pouring F.O.G. down residential drains.*

### Sewer Blockage Formation



The start of a blocked pipe begins when grease and solids collect on the top and sides of the pipe interior.



The build up increases over time when grease and other debris are washed down the drain.



Excessive accumulation will restrict the flow of wastewater and can result in a sanitary sewer overflow.

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