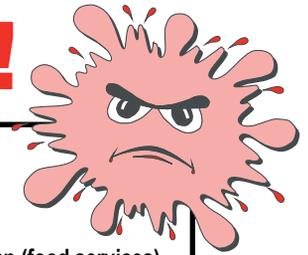


# Let's Tackle the Grease in This Kitchen!



## Why should I help?

- Prevent grease buildups from blocking sewer lines.
- Stop sewer overflows into streets and storm drains.
- Save money spent on costly cleanups of sewage spills.
- Reduce the number of times you have to clean your grease trap (food services).
- Protect the quality of our water.

## DO!



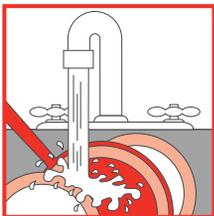
- ✓ Put oil and grease in covered collection containers.



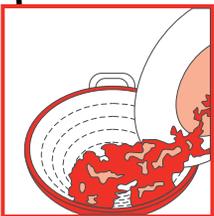
- ✓ Scrape food scraps from dishes into trash cans and garbage bags and dispose of properly. Avoid using your garbage disposal.



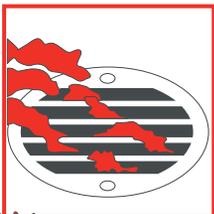
- ✓ Remove oil and grease from dishes, pans, fryers, and griddles. Cool first before you skim, scrape, or wipe off excess grease.



- ✓ Prewash dishes and pans with cold water before putting them in the dishwasher.



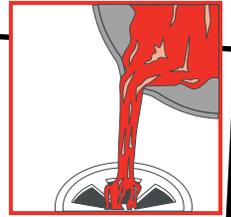
- ✓ Cover kitchen sink with catch basket and empty into garbage can as needed.



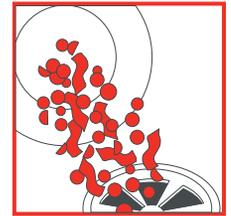
- ✓ Cover floor drain with fine screen and empty into garbage can as needed.

## DON'T!

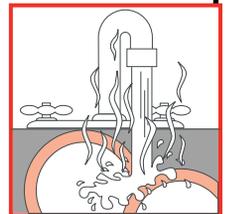
Don't pour oil and grease down the drain. ✗



Don't put food scraps down the drain. ✗



Don't run water over dishes, pans, fryers, and griddles to wash oil and grease down the drain. Don't rinse off oil and grease with hot water. ✗



## More Ways to Tackle Grease

- ▶ Use environmentally safe cleaning products instead of harsh detergents or cleaners that can damage sewer lines.
- ▶ If you generate large amounts of used cooking oil, recycle it. To find a recycler, check the phone book under "recyclers" or "rendering companies."
- ▶ If you generate small amounts of used cooking oil, pour it into a container you can throw away. Never pour it down the drain.
- ▶ Start a compost pile at your home with scraps that are not meat. Find out about composting in the TCEQ publication, "A Green Guide to Yard Care" (GI-028).

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Or visit the  
North Texas Grease Abatement Council at  
[www.ceasethegreasentx.org](http://www.ceasethegreasentx.org)

