



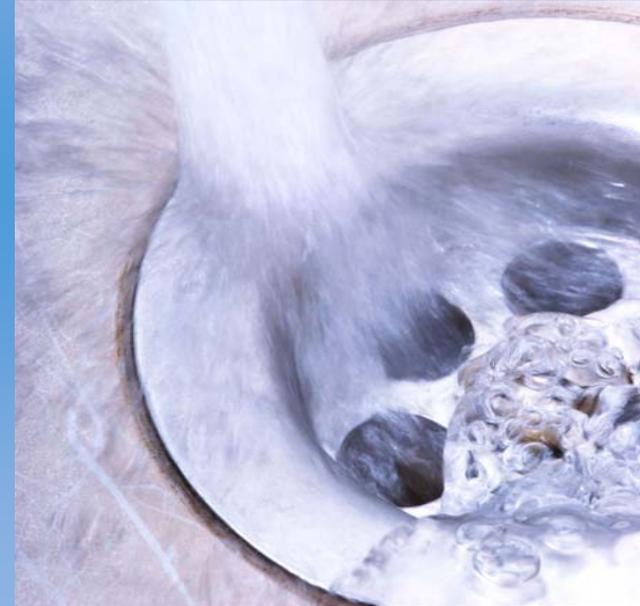
OUR CONCERN

FOG is a primary concern of Currituck County. The County's sewer districts are required by the NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources to inform their customers of the potential hazards of FOG to the sewer collection system and the environment. This information is being distributed County-wide to all wastewater system customers to provide a better understanding of FOG, and how they can be properly disposed of.

For more information:
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FOG Program

Fats, Oils & Grease



FOG Causes Problems

You may not be aware of it, but every time you pour fat, oil, or grease down your sink (i.e. after cooking bacon, etc.), you are contributing to a costly problem in the sewer collection system. FOG coats the inner walls of underground piping and the plumbing in your house. Over time, these greasy materials build up and form blockages in pipes, which can lead to wastewater backing up into your home or business, overflowing in the streets, and even finding its way into storm drains and onto beaches.



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What you need to know to help protect our environment and community





YOU CAN HELP KEEP OUR SEWERS CLEAN

FATS, OIL, AND GREASE (FOG) ARE THE LEADING CAUSES OF SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS (SSO)

In addition to heavy remediation costs, SSOs carry the potential for health risks, which come from contact with disease-causing organisms. Raw sewage can carry bacteria, viruses, and parasitic organisms, which cause a number of diseases, ranging from mild gastroenteritis (diarrhea) to life threatening ailments such as cholera, dysentery and hepatitis.

To avoid future SSOs, the County is asking for your help. Instead of dumping fats, oils, and grease down your drain, mix them with absorbent waste such as paper towels, coffee grounds, kitty litter, or shredded newspaper, and discard them in the trash.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q What should I do if my home's sewer pipe becomes clogged with FOG?

A While the County maintains the community-wide sewer system, the sewer pipes within your own home or business and on your property are the responsibility of the property owner. If you find that your home's sewer pipes become clogged with FOG, it will require either do-it-yourself maintenance or assistance from a local plumber.

Q Is there someone I need to contact before attempting to unblock a clogged sewer line?

A Please contact William Nash, Currituck County Wastewater Superintendent at 252.207.9440 before maintenance begins. Often times, FOG is cleared from a home's pipe system, only to move downstream and cause a clog in the County's sewer system. Such a clog can result in a sewage spill from a manhole.

Cleanup can be expensive for homeowners, and especially expensive for businesses such as restaurants, which can also be subject to fines and closures.