



Fats...



Oils...



Grease.

## Don't F.O.G. Up Your Sewer System!

"FOG" is harmful to individual septic systems, community leachfields and community wastewater treatment plants. You can do your part by properly disposing of Fats, Oils & Grease.

### Why should you care??

- FOG clogs are expensive: Food grease is the most common reason household septic systems must be pumped. Plumbing repairs for household backups can cost hundreds of dollars
- Increased Sewer Rates: Limiting grease helps reduce maintenance needed on community leach fields. AWA costs to fix sewer and leach field backups must be passed on to ratepayers.
- Sewer backups are unsanitary and harmful to local waterways.

### DON'T...

- ◆ **Pour FOG down the drain.**
- ◆ **Use hot water and soap to "dissolve" FOG and wash it down the drain. The FOG will harden when cooled.**
- ◆ **Use your garbage disposal to wash fatty food scraps away — meat scraps and fatty items can clog sewer pipes.**
- ◆ **Put egg shells down the disposal or drain — shells combine with FOG to make a plaster-like substance that clogs pipes.**

### DO...

- ◆ **Pour cooled FOG into a sealable container (like a coffee can). Once solidified, put the container in the trash.**
- ◆ **Scrape all FOG-gy food scraps into the trash before washing dishes.**
- ◆ **Use a sink strainer to catch any FOG-gy food scraps before they go down the drain.**

