

***GREASE DOWN THE DRAIN IS COSTLY...
...IT CLOGS THE SEWERS!***

Sewage back ups and overflows are typically the result of grease build up which can cause property damage, environmental problems and health hazards. Fats, Oil and Grease can enter into the sewer system from commercial food preparation establishments and also private residences.

Food preparation establishments are required by a city ordinance to trap the grease and to properly dispose of it on a routine basis. Private residences are not, at this point in time, required to have and maintain grease traps, and are likely the major contributor to the grease build up in the sewers.

Most grease is a by-product of cooking and is usually found in such things as:

- Food Scraps
- Meat Fats
- Lard
- Cooking Oil
- Butter or Margarine
- Baking Goods
- Sauces
- Dairy Products

All too often, fats, oils and grease are washed into plumbing system and stick to the insides of sewer pipes both on private property and in the streets. Over time, oil and grease builds up and eventually blocks the entire pipe causing sewer back ups and overflows.

Costs to YOU:

As your sewer pipes back up, sewage and food particles that accumulate can attract insects other vermin and may create a potential health hazard. Property damage can result from sewage back ups leading to expensive clean up and plumbing repairs that may have to be paid by the customer.

Costs to the ENVIRONMENT:

Clogged sewers can lead to over flows. As sewage over flows onto the streets, it enters the storm drain system...where it is then carried to local streams!

Cost to the CITY:

Increased sewer stoppages and over flows lead to excessive and costly maintenance and could result in severe fines from the State and Federal regulatory agencies. These costs may result in increases to the customers sewer bill.

Proper Disposal Methods:

- Scrape grease and food scraps from plates, pots, pans, into a trash can for disposal.
- Do not put grease and scraps down the garbage disposal. Pour grease into a container and dispose of it in the trash.
- Do not pour grease into kitchen sinks, floor drains or toilets.
- Be cautious of chemicals or additives that claim to dissolve grease. Some simply pass grease down pipes where it can clog lines further down stream.

➔ Report Sewer Problems to the City of Vernon Utilities Department at:

Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ... 552-9961

After hours and weekends553-3311