



## Mind the FOG this Holiday Season

**FOG or Fats, Oils, and Grease that go down your drain can cause major problems for homeowners and the District.**

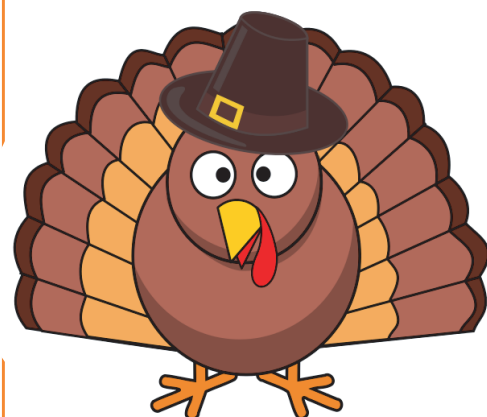
Fats, Oils and Grease are a byproduct of cooking, and are found in such things as: meat fats, cooking oil, lard and shortening, butter and margarine. When Fats, Oils and Grease are washed down the drain, they may stick to the inside of sewer pipes (both on your property and in the streets). Over time, FOG can build up and block an entire pipe.

Garbage disposals do not keep grease out of the pipes, they only shred it into smaller pieces. Commercial additives, including detergents that claim to break up grease, may pass it down the line and cause problems away from the source. A grease-blocked sewer pipe can back up into your home or neighborhood, resulting in expensive and unpleasant clean ups, possible exposure with disease-causing organisms, and an increase in maintenance costs at GWSD.

**Mind the FOG  
Contain it, cool it, toss it!**

### How to dispose of your FOG:

1. Pour FOG into a heat resistant covered disposable container. Put it in the trash after it has hardened.
2. Use paper towels to wipe greasy dishes before washing, and put the paper towels in the trash.
3. Use sink strainers to catch food waste and put food scraps in compost bin or in the trash.
4. FOG waste should only be put in the trash.



To learn more about FOG and its proper disposal, visit our website at

[www.GoletaWest.org](http://www.GoletaWest.org)

[www.GoletaWest.org/environmental-programs](http://www.GoletaWest.org/environmental-programs)

## No Drugs Down the Drain Attention Impacted Facilities\*

Residents of Santa Barbara County can dispose of no longer needed medicines at one of many drop off stations around the county. Visit Santa Barbara County Med Project at [www.Med-Project.org](http://www.Med-Project.org)



## New rule prohibits the discharge of hazardous pharmaceutical waste to the Sewer System

40 CFR Part 266 Subpart P  
Management Standards for Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals and Amendment To The P075 Listing For Nicotine

EPA passed regulations that will affect everywhere pharmaceuticals are sold or administered. These enforceable regulations pertain to the handling, storage and transportation of hazardous waste pharmaceuticals generated at healthcare facilities. The sewer ban of hazardous waste pharmaceuticals by healthcare facilities was effective nationally on 8/21/2019. These new EPA/RCRA regulations change the way hazardous waste drugs are handled in the healthcare industry.

Impacted facilities: • HEALTHCARE FACILITIES • RETAIL PHARMACIES • HOSPITAL PHARMACIES • SPECIALTY HOSPITALS • PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS • DRUG COMPOUNDERS • VETERINARY FACILITIES • VETERINARY PHARMACIES • VETERINARY CLINICS • HEALTHCARE CLINICS • DR.'S OFFICES • DRUG WHOLESALERS • CHIROPRACTORS • OPTICAL PROVIDERS • DENTAL OFFICES • SUPERMARKETS/GROCERY • AMBULATORY SERVICES • FIRE STATIONS • LTC PHARMACIES • SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES • NURSING CARE FACILITIES • HOSPICE FACILITIES • REVERSE DISTRIBUTORS • "Healthcare Facilities" defined in 40 CFR 266.500

## Meet Kyle Graham Utility Worker 1

Kyle began working with GWSD in November of last year. As a Utility Worker, he is responsible for operation and maintenance of the wastewater collection system, pump stations, equipment and vehicles. Prior to starting at the District Kyle was a Driller for a well drilling company.



Kyle Graham, Utility Worker 1

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## Street Sweeping

GWSD is pleased to announce that The Regional Water Quality Control Board HAS approved the use of reclaimed water for Street Sweeping in the District, saving more potable water than an average household uses per year.

The District has been pursuing this approval for several years and represents a great partnership with the Goleta Water District which provides us with the reclaimed water and the Goleta Sanitary District which produces the reclaimed water at the regional waste water treatment facility.

For decades our Board of Directors has strived for the District to be a leader in environmental stewardship. Being able to use recycled water in our street sweeping program helps us achieve those long standing goals.

## Sweeping our streets keeps our creeks, wetlands, and beaches safe and clean.



## Under Construction – Phelps Road Project

In early August, the Phelps Road Sewer Trunk Line Project began construction. The project is expected to be complete late February 2020 and is essentially the “final phase” of upgrading hydraulic efficiencies in the system and removing infrastructure out of the Storke Wetland and returning the habitat to its native state.

The Phelps Road Project includes abandonment of approximately 1,000 feet of existing sewer line and removal of the associated manholes from within the Storke Wetlands, installation of approximately 3,800 feet of sewer line along Phelps Road, installation of approximately 1,900 feet of sewer line along Mesa Road, and installation of approximately 900 feet of sewer line extending south along Sycamore Walk from Mesa Road.

## We are saving OVER 150,000 gallons of potable water per year!

## By using reclaimed water for Street Sweeping



Customers may experience a bit of inconvenience during construction hours, but this should be more than compensated for by the reduced likelihood of sewer spills, long term reliability of the system and environmental benefits of the project.

Please check our website for updates on this important project  
[www.GoletaWest.org](http://www.GoletaWest.org)

