

Goleta West Sanitary District

Fall 2021

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 to 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
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COVID19 UPDATE

Since the beginning of the pandemic, our District has been focused on making sure your sewer system continues to operate without incident while keeping our staff, and customers safe and healthy. To that end, the District office continues to be open to the public by appointment only. As always, we are available via email or phone. If you require an office visit please call our office to schedule an appointment.

Thank you for your continued support,

Sincerely,

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