

City of Oak Ridge, TN **NOTIFICATION**

Your residential area was recently identified as causing obstruction to the sanitary sewer system due to Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) discharged from houses in your neighborhood. FOG obstruction and interference to the sanitary sewer system can cause sanitary sewer overflows which pollute Oak Ridge area streams. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Tennessee Department of Environment & Conservation require the City of Oak Ridge to take action to prevent sanitary sewer overflows. This notification is to make you aware of fats, oils and grease pollution prevention actions you should take to prevent sewer line blockages and sanitary sewer overflows.



Sanitary Sewer Overflows caused by fats, oils and grease.



Sewer line blockage from grease.



The City has to clean grease from sewer lines to prevent overflows.



Fats, oils & grease can cause blockage in your home's sewer system too.



Implement the following Best Management Practices to Prevent Fats, Oils & Grease Blockages & Problems:

1. Do ***NOT*** pour any cooking oils or grease into your kitchen sink, bathroom sink, toilet or other drain lines.
2. Pour all used cooking oils and grease into a small container so it can cool and harden. When the container is full, cap the container or cover it tightly, place in a bag to prevent leakage and put in garbage container.
3. Dry wipe all pots, pans and plates before washing in sink or dishwasher. Use paper towels and wipe grease and food contents into a garbage container.
4. If you have a kitchen sink garbage grinder, use this as little as possible since food particles and grease from the grinded material will still clog your pipes and affect the downstream sewer system.



Please do your part to prevent sewer line blockages and overflows & help prevent pollution of Oak Ridge's streams.