

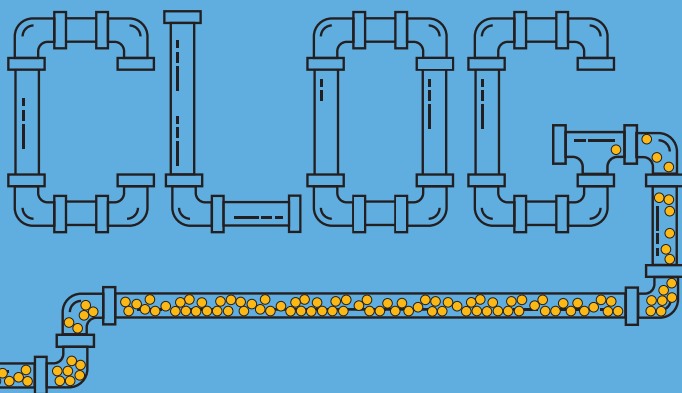
City of Kelowna Wastewater Source Control Program

The City's Wastewater Source Control Program is a pollution prevention strategy. It aims to protect our environment and watershed by reducing industrial, business, institutional and household chemicals from being discharged to the city sewer system and eventually back into the Lake.

As more than 60,000 residents get their drinking water from Okanagan Lake, it is important to keep specific chemicals out of our precious water supply.

Fats
Oil
Grease

FOG =



Can the Grease!

Cooking oil and grease poured down drains is the number one cause of sewer blockages and overflows in the City of Kelowna. Follow these simple steps to keep your drains clean.

Cook It!



Cooked foods, such as bacon, release grease during the cooking process.

This grease should never be poured down the drain.

Cool It!



Hot oils and grease can cause burns if handled improperly. Let hot grease cool in the pan so that it will eventually be safe for pouring and cleaning.

Can It!



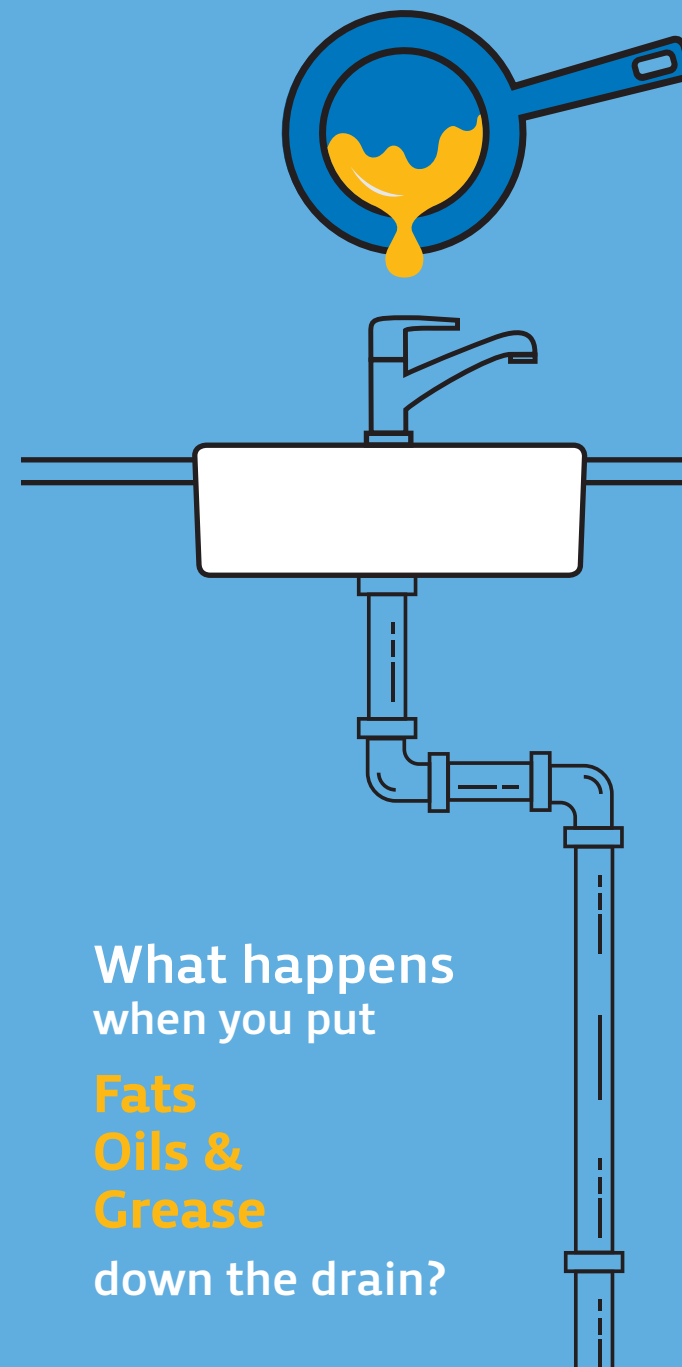
Pour cooled oil into a large can with a lid. Wipe excess oil with a paper towel.

A cooking bag can be used as a liner if you want to re-use the can.

When the can is full, put on a lid and dispose of into the trash.

Don't forget that other foods, such as ice cream and mayonnaise also contain oils, and should also be discarded into the trash.

Wastewater Treatment Facility



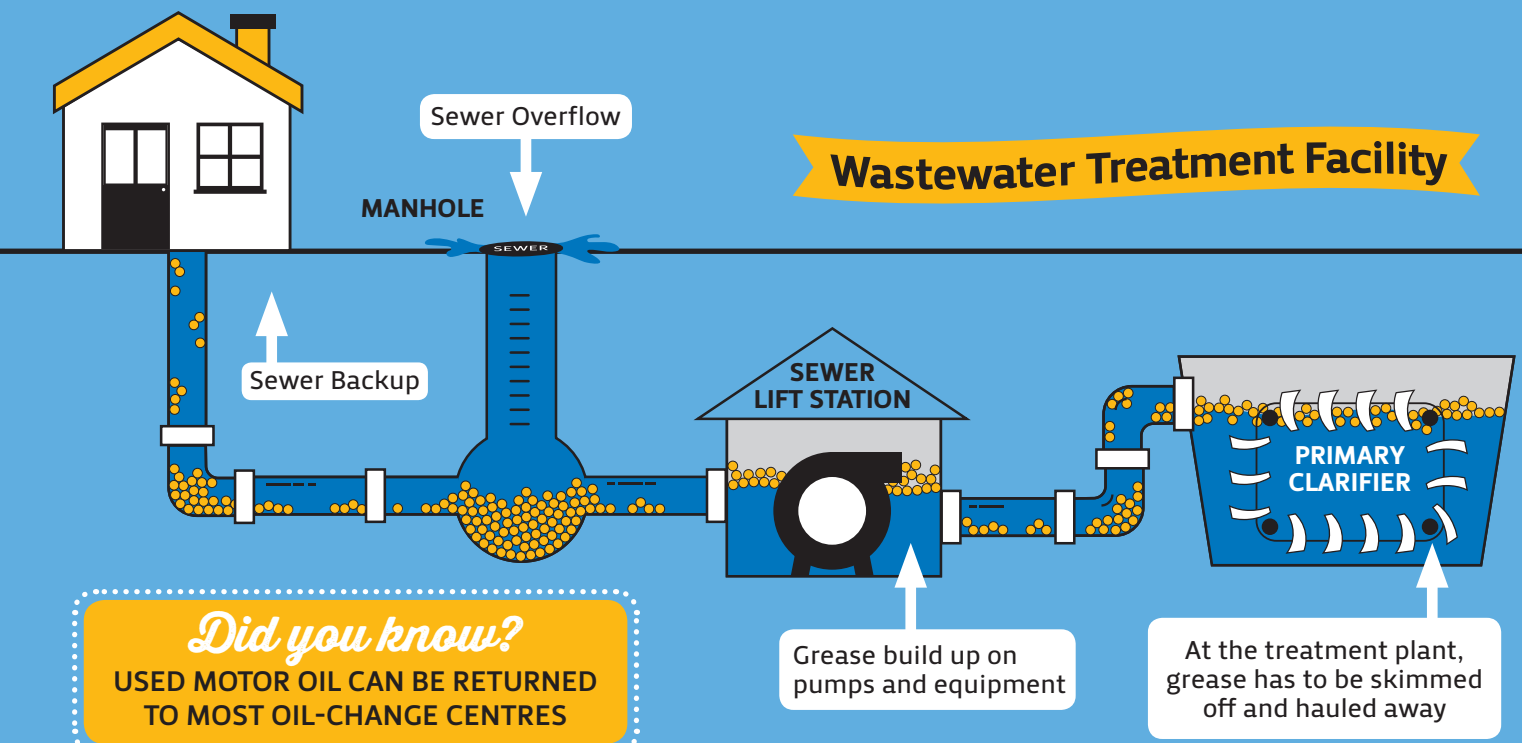
What happens when you put

Fats Oils & Grease

down the drain?

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Did you know?
PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION CAN BE RETURNED TO MOST PHARMACIES

Did you know?
USED MOTOR OIL CAN BE RETURNED TO MOST OIL-CHANGE CENTRES



What happens

When washed down the drain, FOG (fats, oils, grease) sticks to the inside of the sewer pipes both on your property and in the street, and over time can build-up and block an entire pipe. These blockages can cause basement sewer backups and sewer overflows at manholes. FOG is also an issue for the City's collection system – it clogs up pipes and sticks to the equipment in sewer lift stations.

It costs more than \$60,000 annually to clear grease from our sewers

Help prevent sewer overflows:

- ⊘ Never pour grease down sink drains
- ⊘ Avoid putting these household chemicals down the drain:
 - Cleaners & degreasers
 - Pesticides & fertilizers
 - Paints & polishes
 - Automotive fluids
 - Adhesives
- ✓ Put baskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids, and empty them into the garbage
- ✓ Scrape grease and food scraps into a can or other container or directly into the garbage for disposal

Additionally,

Some chemicals, drugs and pharmaceuticals cannot be treated or removed at the Wastewater Treatment Facility and should never be flushed down the drain or toilet. Disposable wipes, dental floss, hygienic products and anything that will not disintegrate should be disposed into the garbage and not flushed down the toilet. These items entangle with other waste and create problems in the collection system and at the treatment plant. Residents can take their hazardous waste year-round for safe disposal to:
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