



# VanBibber Lake Conservancy District

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## **Protect you home and the environment!**

### **F.O.G. – Fats Oils and Grease.**

A byproduct of cooking, grease comes from meat fats, lard, oil, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, baking goods, sauces, and dairy products. When washed down the sink, grease sticks to the insides of sewer pipes in your home, on your property and the mains buried in the district making their way to the treatment plant. Over time, it can build up and block the entire pipe.

#### **The Results:**

- Raw sewage flowing in your home or your neighbor's home.
- An expensive and unpleasant cleanup that often must be paid for by you, the home owner or business owner.
- Raw sewage overflowing into parks, yards and streets.
- Potential contact with disease causing organisms.
- An increase in operation and maintenance costs for local sewer departments, which causes higher sewer bills for customers.

#### **What You Can Do:**

- NEVER pour grease down the sink drains or in toilets.
- Scrape grease and food scraps into a can or the trash for disposal or recycling (where available).
- Put baskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids and empty them into the trash.
- Talk to your friends and neighbors about how to keep grease out of sewers.
- Routine maintenance of grease traps and interceptors is recommended.

