



Every holiday season, we remind our community about the importance of the proper disposal of Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) to help prevent clogged pipes, sewer backups, and expensive plumbing repairs. MSD Project Clear (MSDPC) estimates that about 15% of blockages in our public sewer system are caused by FOG. These blockages often increase around the holidays, when more cooking leads to more grease entering the system, which can result in backups in both public sewers and private lateral lines. The outcome? Costly repairs for families and additional maintenance for our sewer system.

To prevent these problems, MSDPC is providing free FOG lids and sharing these important reminders:

- **Never pour grease down the drain** – not in sinks, toilets, or outdoor inlets – even when disposing of turkey fryer oil.
- **Scrape food scraps and visible grease** from dishes, pots, and pans into the trash.
- **Collect and cool grease.** Pour it into an empty food, vegetable, or metal can, cover it with an MSD Project Clear FOG lid, and let it cool and solidify. Then **toss the container in the trash** (and reuse the lid next time!). **COOL IT. CAN IT. TRASH IT.**
- **Spread the word.** Remind friends, family, and neighbors to keep FOG out of the sewer system.
- **Turkey oil caution:** If frying a turkey, always let the oil cool and dispose of it in a large, sealed container – **never down the drain, even a little.**

In 2024, we responded to **12 grease-related sewer overflows**, which is slightly higher than our annual average of 15. As of now, **2025 has already seen 11 incidents.** With your help, we can prevent that number from climbing and keep our system running smoothly through the holiday season.

We're asking for your partnership once again. **Please make the enclosed MSDPC FOG lids and prevention flyers available** at City Hall, community centers, or other public locations for residents to pick up while supplies last.

We've also shared our updated **Stakeholder FOG Toolkit**, which includes ready-to-use materials for educating residents about FOG disposal. You can access it here: [XXX](#).

If you have any questions or need more lids or flyers, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for helping us protect our community's sewer system and prevent grease-related problems this holiday season!

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