

## HELP KEEP



**OUR  
RIVERS &  
STREAMS  
CLEAN**

If you experience a sewer overflow, contact the Henry County Public Service Authority at (276) 634-2550. After normal business hours and on holidays and weekends, call (276) 638-8751.



**I WANT YOU  
TO HELP STOP FOG  
NO GREASE DOWN THE DRAIN**

For more information, please contact  
Mike Ward, at (276) 634-2540 or  
visit [www.henrycountyva.gov](http://www.henrycountyva.gov)

## AVOID A CLOG



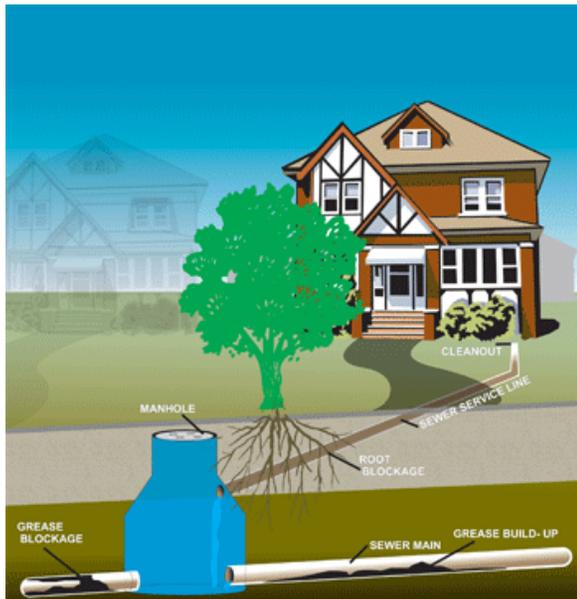
**KEEP GREASE  
OUT OF YOUR DRAIN**



**HENRY COUNTY  
PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY  
HELPING TO PROTECT  
THE ENVIRONMENT**

## Why shouldn't I pour used cooking oil and grease down the drain?

When fats, oils and grease (FOG) are put down your home drain, they can cause many problems further down the sewer pipe. Liquefied grease and fat from animal products will solidify and clog pipes much like a clog in a human artery. Liquid oils can also coat pipes and contribute to blockages. Blockages may cause a sewage backup into your home, resulting in expensive clean up costs and repairs to your sewer pipes, home and belongings. Blockages may also trigger an overflow of sewage into the streets, parks or waterways creating a public health risk and threatening the environment.



**Fats, Oils, and Grease** are naturally produced during cooking and baking.

Common sources of FOG include:

- Meat fats
- Lard
- Shortening
- Butter & margarine
- Dairy products
- Fatty/greasy food scraps
- Baked goods
- Sauces
- Cooking oil
- Salad dressing



## Do Not Put Any of These Items Down the Drain

**By following the guidelines below, you may avoid sewer overflows, backups, and costly repairs:**

- Pour all cooled cooking fats, oils and grease that will harden (bacon grease, meat drippings) into an old milk carton, can or container with a lid and dispose of it in the garbage.
- Scrape greasy food scraps from pots, pans, and dishes into the garbage, not a garbage disposal. Home garbage disposals do not remove grease from the plumbing system.
- Wipe down greasy pots, pans or dishes with a disposable cloth before washing. Dispose of cloth in the garbage
- Do not use warm water and soap to wash grease down the drain. This does not prevent grease from building up in sewer pipes. Hot water will cool down in pipes causing fats and grease to coagulate. Detergents that claim to dissolve grease may cause blockages to occur further down the pipeline.
- Use a strainer in the sink to catch food scraps and other solids.