



PUT YOUR SINK ON A FAT FREE DIET

Home-cooked meals are a well-loved tradition, but if you drain oil and grease to your kitchen sink you may clog your home plumbing and the City sewer system. As it cools, cooking fats, oils and warmed grease sticks to the insides of the drain pipes under your house and out in the street. Over time, these deposits build up and clog your home plumbing and the sewer. Calling a plumber to clear these blockages is not a disruption or expense you want!

Using lots of soaps and detergents with hot water to dissolve grease will not stop it from depositing inside the cold drain pipes. Putting grease down the garbage disposal is actually worse because the disposal will grind and mix food fibers into grease to make bigger, stronger clogs.

You are responsible for maintaining drainage in the entire length of the sewer lateral from your house to the sewer main in the street. If your home sewer lateral backs-up, first call a plumber. If your plumber cannot clear the blockage, call the City of Milpitas and a City crew will attempt to help you clear the blockage, provided you have a street cleanout.

QUICK TIPS

- Drain food oil into a milk jug, tape the lid and put it in a brown paper bag in the trash.
- Pour liquid grease and fat into a container to solidify, then place it in the garbage.
- Scrape out grease and food scraps from the sink into the garbage.
- Never pour fat, oil, or grease down the drain or into the garbage disposal.

THE CITY IS HERE TO HELP!

Call the City day or night:

weekdays, (408) 586-2600.

Before 7AM, after 5PM

and on **weekends, (408) 586-2400.**

