

PROTECT OUR PIPES

Help keep fats, oils, grease, and other items from going down the drain.

WHAT IS A SEWER OVERFLOW?

A sewer overflow is a backup of untreated wastewater. It can cause costly damage to your property and harm our health and the environment.

MOST sewer overflows **ARE PREVENTABLE.**

70%

The approximate number of sewer overflows caused by clogs from grease and wipes in Houston.

365

The number of days a year Houston Public Works responds to reports of sewer overflows.

\$2,500

The cost to homeowners in plumbing repairs and fines from a sewer overflow. In some cases, costs are even higher.

UP TO 2X
THE AMOUNT OF SEWER OVERFLOWS

occur during the holiday season due to a significant increase of grease clogs.

If each Houston resident poured **TABLESPOON OF GREASE**

down the drain, it would fill up an **OLYMPIC-SIZED POOL** every week.

SEWER OVERFLOWS CAN MAKE YOU SICK

Contact with raw wastewater can cause many different types of illness, including symptoms similar to food poisoning.

GREASE CLOGS PIPES

Put Grease in its Place

POUR

in a safe container

COOL

in the fridge

TOSS

in the trash

WIPES CLOG PIPES

Only Flush the 3 P's

PEE

is easily processed

POO

breaks down

TOILET PAPER

dissolves in water

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