

# WANTED! Fat-free Sewers



Fats, oils and greases aren't just bad for your arteries and waistline - they're bad for our city sewers, too.

Pour fats, oils and grease into a can or jar, then place in the trash.

Scrape dishes, pans and utensils into trash container, then wipe with paper towels before rinsing in the sink or placing in the dishwasher.



## Where does grease come from?

An increasingly common cause of sewer overflows is from sewers blocked by grease as a by-product of cooking:

- Meat fats / lard
- Butter / margarine
- Baking goods / sauces
- Dairy products
- Cooking oil / shortening
- Food scraps

Sewer overflows and back-ups can cause health hazards, damage home or business interiors and threaten the environment.

The residential overflow below was caused by grease building up in sewer pipes.



Grease getting into the sewer can cause costly repairs.



For information and a free brochure on avoiding grease build-up, call 864-1923 or e-mail [city@springfieldmo.gov](mailto:city@springfieldmo.gov)