

Currents

BWSC News

Nov/Dec 2024

Keep FOG Out of Your Drain!



What is FOG?

FOG is the excess of fats, oils and grease from the cooking process left behind from certain foods.

During the holidays we tend to cook more resulting in excess FOG. In addition to thanksgiving turkey, FOG is a byproduct of cooking many food products such as:

- Cooking oil
- Lard
- Meat fat
- Butter and margarine
- Sauces
- Dairy products



Excess fats, oils, and grease should never be poured down the sink, or flushed down the toilet. FOG that's poured into the sink or toilet will harden in the pipes and may cause backups in your plumbing and Boston's sewer system.

Disposing of FOG is easy: Can the Grease!

After cooking, let Fog cool in the pan, then pour or scoop FOG into a can, cover the can with a BWSC Grease Lid and store it in the freezer. When the can is full, remove the lid for reuse and dispose the can's contents into the trash.

Claim your **FREE** BWSC Grease Lid! Stop by our table this year.

Friday, November 22nd

Shaw's Grocery Store 1377 Hyde Park Ave, Hyde Park 4PM – 8PM

Saturday, November 23rd

Farmer's Market at Adam's Park in Roslindale Square 9:30AM – 1:30PM

Sunday, November 24th

Shaw's Grocery Store at 246 Border Street in East Boston 9AM – 4PM

Sunday, November 24th

Shaw's Grocery Store at 1377 Hyde Park Ave, Hyde Park 9AM – 4PM



Free BWSC Grease lids!



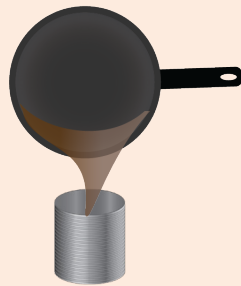
Sanitary Sewer Overflow Prevention

What is a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO)

A Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) is an unintentional discharge, spill or release of untreated sewage into the environment or a property. The overflow resulting from these sewer backups can cause damage to a property and pollute the environment.

To Help Prevent SSO's, Please:

- Keep Wipes Out of Pipes: There are many disposable wipes that claim to be “flushable” and “sewer safe.” However, these wipes do not break down as they travel through pipes and into the sewer system. Wipes can create clogs in both household plumbing and the public sewer system and result in SSOs. Proper disposal of wipes is in the trash!
- Properly Dispose of FOG: Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) can cause blockages in sewer pipes and lead to SSOs. Remember to “Can the Grease!”



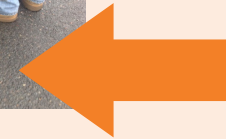
DOING THIS



CAUSES THIS



AND THIS!!!



Prevent Frozen Pipes This Winter

- Know where your water service shutoff valve is located and how to turn it off.
- Keep cabinet doors leading to water pipes open during the winter, this will allow warmer air to circulate preventing frozen pipes.
- Seal openings in your home to prevent cold air from leaking through.
- Allow a steady trickle of water to flow from faucets during cold snaps, this may help prevent pipes from freezing.

- Insulate pipes in unheated spaces such as garages, basements, and crawl spaces.
- Water meters may freeze during the winter if not protected from the cold. Be sure basement doors and windows are closed.

