

Proper Disposal of Foods Containing Fats, Oils, or Grease

Fats, oils, and grease poured down the drain or flushed down the toilet can harden and block drainage pipes. Excessive use of the garbage disposal may also contribute to blocked pipes. Preventing grease and food scraps from clogging your home's plumbing is simple.

For:

- Meat fats
- Lard
- Cooking oil
- Shortening
- Butter and margarine

Pour grease into an empty container, such as an old soup can, and store it in the freezer. When solidified, throw it in the trash. A heat-resistant plastic bag can be used to line the can (oven bags used for baking work well). When the grease cools, tie up the bag and throw it away.

Before washing pans or containers used to prepare or store food, wipe them with a paper towel.

For:

- Baking goods
- Dairy products
- Food scraps
- Sauces

Scrape into trashcan. Wipe dish with paper towel before washing.