

Avoid **FOG**-ging Up Your Septic System

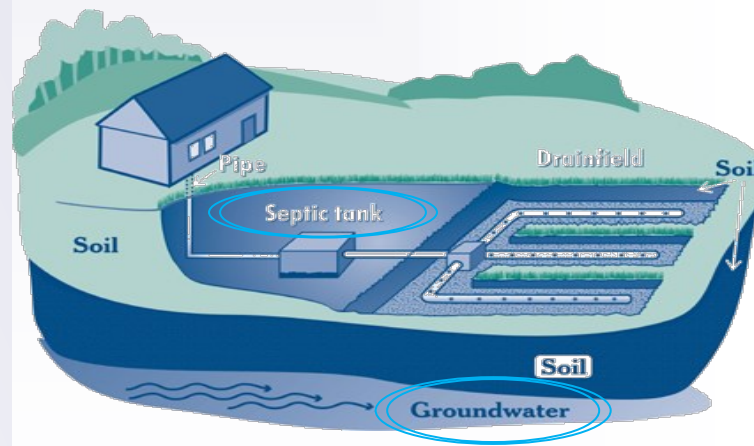
Avoid putting these sources of **FOG**—and items like these—down your drain:

- *Gravy, sauces, soups, and dressings
- *Cooking oil, shortening, lard, butter and margarine
- *Milk, cream, sour cream and mayonnaise
- *Oil from cooked meats
- *Food scraps

Protect groundwater quality, your pipes and your septic system!

Never dispose of **fats, oils or greases** down the drains or toilets.

Don't contaminate groundwater by **FOG**-ging up your septic system.



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Be **FOG**-free, Stay Clog-free

Don't Pour **Fats, Oils**
or **Greases**
Down the Drain



Protect Your
Groundwater Quality
and Plumbing

Keep our desert groundwater clean— it is everybody's responsibility!

You can help keep groundwater safe from septic pollution by **not** disposing of oils or grease down the drain.

1. Pour cooled fats, oils and greases into a covered, disposable container and throw it into the garbage. Never pour FOG down sink drains or toilets! Cool it, can it and trash it.



2. Soak up **FOG** from dishes and cooking pans with a paper towel and dispose of it in the trash.

3. Before washing dishes, scrape food scraps from your plates, pots and pans into the trash.

4. Avoid using the garbage disposal by using sink strainers to catch food waste before it goes down the drain.

5. By mixing 1/2 cup of baking soda with 1/2 cup of white vinegar and pouring it down sink drains, you can help keep your drain free of clogs. Let mixture sit for 15 minutes. Flush thoroughly with hot water.



What is **FOG**?

When fats, oils and greases (**FOG**) are put down your drain they can cause many problems in the septic system.

Liquefied grease and fats from animal products can solidify in septic tanks and clog leach lines, preventing septic systems from properly leaching liquids back into the soil.

Liquid oils can also coat household pipes and contribute to blockages. Blockages can cause wastewater to back up into your home, resulting in costly repairs to plumbing and personal belongings.