

Protect Your Pipes

Never place these items in a garbage disposal, sink, toilet or storm drain. Throw all trash in the trash can! Even small bits of food scraps from plates can easily be wiped into the trash.

Keep Out of the Drain

- Fats, oil and grease (FOG)
- Gravy, butter and lard
- Cheese
- Egg shells
- Meat
- Bone
- Fruit seeds or pits
- Paper, plastic, metal & glass
- String or rope
- Rubber
- Rocks
- Cigarette butts

Consider Composting

Home gardeners should consider composting or vermicomposting to food waste in the landfills. A quick internet search can get you started.

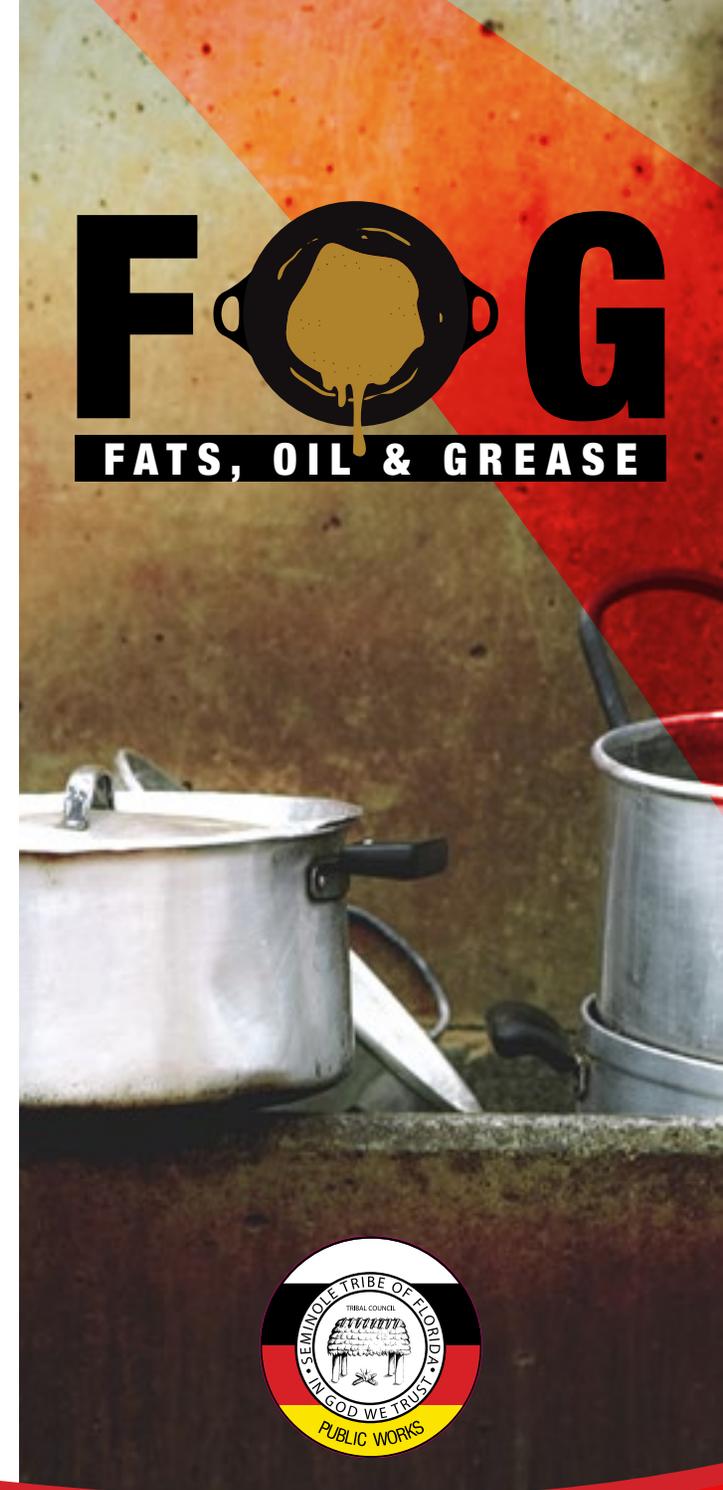
Compost

- Vegetable and fruit scraps
- Egg shells
- Tea and tea bags
- Coffee and paper filters
- Most nut shells
- Some paper products

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FOG MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Keep Your Disposal Healthy

Avoid high plumbing costs for line replacement or repair. Never put creamy, oily or stringy foods in your garbage disposal.

Keep Out

- Starchy foods like rice, pasta, potatoes, potato peels, flour and corn starch become a slimy, glue-like material sticking to the disposal's moving parts.
- Stringy, fibrous foods like corn husks, celery, lettuce, asparagus, onion peelings, and garlic wrap around the motor.
- Oily, sticky food like fruit peelings, rinds and banana peelings can clog pipes, leading to backups.

Freshen Up

Citrus Peels

- Although peelings from oranges and lemons do freshen up drain odors, they should be used sparingly due to their oily, stringy nature.
- For best results, cut the peelings into small pieces and freeze them before adding to the garbage disposal.



Coffee Grounds

- Grounds also help to eliminate drain odors, but should rarely be used because they tend to build up.
- This can lead to clogged pipes, possible backups and high plumbing costs for line replacement.

Ice Cubes

- Instead of using citrus fruits or coffee grinds to help eliminate odors, just toss a few ice cubes into the garbage disposal and run it.
- As the garbage disposal chops into the ice cubes, the ice chips will effectively scour all the hard to reach areas of the unit, and melt down the drain.
- Try this inexpensive solution once or twice a month to keep your garbage disposal in fine working order and odor free.
- For stronger odors, freeze lemon juice or vinegar in the ice cube tray. (Be sure to label the ice tray.)

Best Practices

DO.

- Put all solid and liquid food, including dairy products, milk shake syrups, batters and gravy into trash.
- Scrape food from plates and utensils into trash before washing or placing in dishwasher.
- Always use sink basket strainers to collect food waste.
- Collect and empty grill scrapings & fryer vat grease in grease recycling container.

DON'T.

- Never put food or liquid food down the sink.
- Never pour grease or food drippings down the sink.
- Never use the sink when cleaning grease from pans.
- Never pour anything down your outside storm sewer.