

# 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.

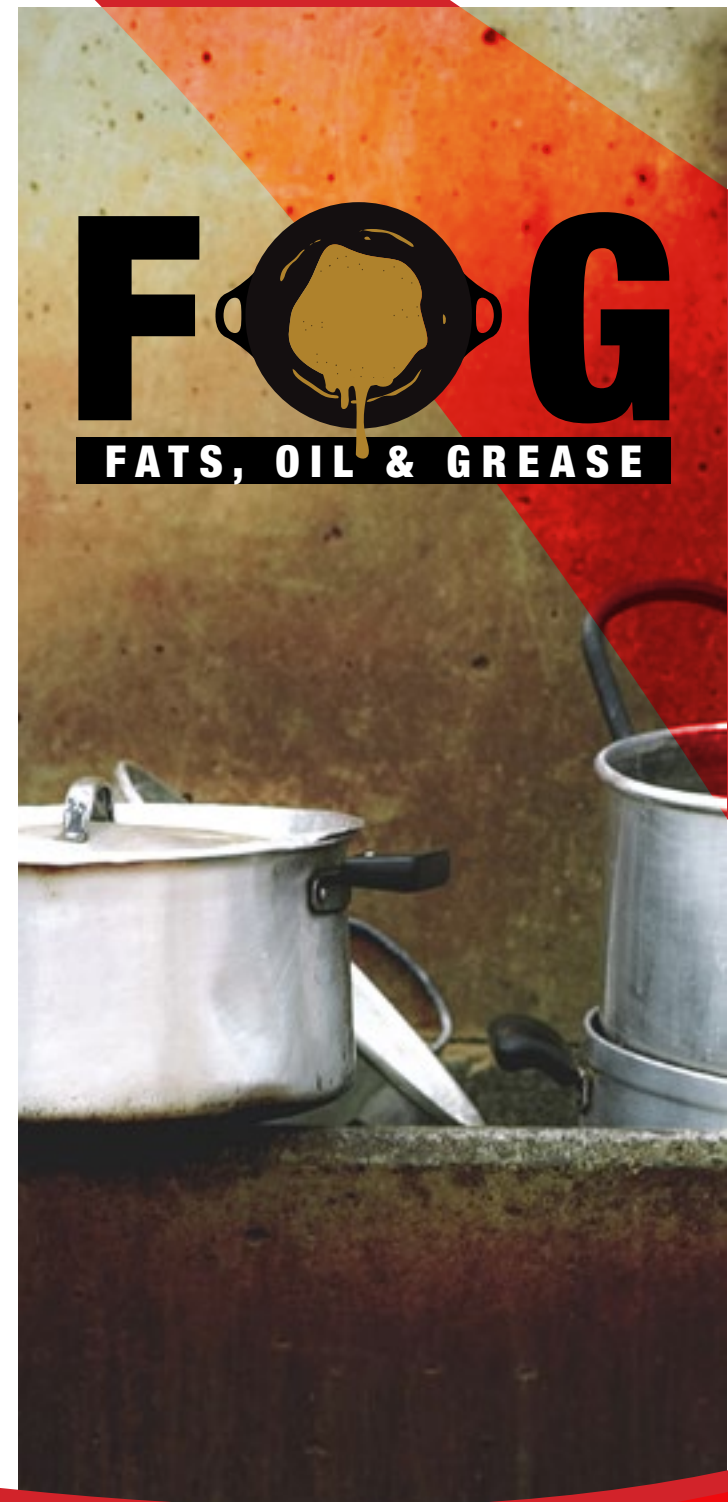
## Compost

- 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.