

Fat and Grease from cooking – A problem for your pipes

Wastewater (sewage) overflows are a problem in your neighbourhood. They are a risk to you, your children, your neighbours, and the environment. We need your help to stop them.

Don't



The biggest cause of these wastewater overflows is fat and grease from cooking. Hot fat and grease tipped down the drain doesn't travel far before it cools, solidifies and blocks the pipes. Flushing the sink with hot water and using detergents just moves the fat and grease further down the pipe before blocking it.

There are several things you can do to prevent blockages and save yourself the cost of a plumber or worse - large fines and the cost of cleaning up the mess:

Don't



• *Pour your cooking oil, fat or grease down the drain.*

Do



- *Collect cooled oil/grease in a covered container, a plastic bag, or wrap the waste in newspaper and put it in the bin.*
- *Before you wash plates or pots either wipe them with a paper towel or scrape fats and grease into the rubbish.*



Help us to help you!
Blockages are an ongoing problem - preventing them is everyone's responsibility.

If you see an overflow call Metrowater on **0800 FOR WATER (0800 367 928)** or if you simply require more information call Metrowater on **09 624 4800**.

