

## Why Cease the Grease?

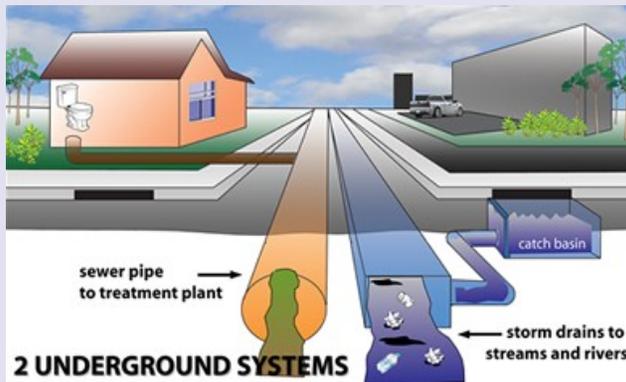
Pouring liquid fat, cooking oil, grease, or solids down the drain becomes a problem after they harden inside of your private sewer lines or the town's sewer lines. Either way, the cleanup costs can be extensive and eventually come out of your pocket.

## The Right Way?

Let grease cool, then scrape it from pots and pans into the proper receptacle prior to washing dishes.

## What is the difference between the sanitary sewer and the storm drains?

- Bridgewater has separate sewer systems, the sewer pipe and the storm drain.
- The sanitary sewer is underground and carries waste from toilets and sinks to a wastewater treatment plant.
- The storm drains carry untreated stormwater runoff to local parks, rivers and creeks.



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## Department of Stormwater Management

## Best Management Practices for Restaurants



# A Menu of Activities to Keep our Water Clean...

## Cease the Grease...

- Never put grease into a sink, floor drain, dumpster, or storm drain.
- Save used cooking grease and oil for recycling in tallow bins or containers.
- Contact a licensed company for sustainable grease recycling.



## Chemical Storage and Disposal...

- Educate personnel on chemical ingredients; use least hazardous cleaning chemicals.
- Use up all solvents, floor cleaners, detergents, and other cleaning chemicals.
- Discard non-usable products, like cleaning rags, by taking products to the proper receptacles for recycling or disposal.

## Cleaning it Right...

- Pour mop and wash water into the mop sink or down floor drains... NOT into gutters, alleys, parking lots, or a storm drain.
- Wash greasy equipment only in designated wash areas which are properly connected to the sanitary sewer system.



## Watch Out for Spills...

- Use dry methods for spill clean up.
- Use rags or absorbents such as cat litter and then dispose of materials in the garbage, or handle as hazardous waste when appropriate.
- Sweep up spills and litter instead of hosing down areas; do not power-wash.

## Outdoor and Sidewalk Areas...

- Sweep up food, cigarette butts, and trash from outdoor dining areas before rinsing or steam cleaning.
- Don't use toxic chemicals or detergents when you pressure wash outdoor dining areas, entrances, or surrounding sidewalk areas.

## How About That Dumpster...

- Keep dumpster and loading dock areas clean.
- Control litter by sweeping the area, not hosing.
- Replace leaky dumpsters and keep lids closed to keep out rainwater.



## F.O.G. — Fats, Oils, and Grease

Floor Solvents, Cleaning Agents, Food Waste, Trash, and Garbage are all examples of waste generated from restaurants that can lead to stormwater pollution and/or sanitary sewer outflows when not disposed of properly. Protect your community and property: Cease the Grease, Properly Dispose of Waste, and remember....

**Only Rain in the Storm Drain!**



Clogged Pipe  
Caused by  
improper  
grease  
disposal.