

Windsor's Sewer System

The City of Windsor maintains:

- 1,800+ km of Sewer Pipes
- 45+ Pumping Stations
- 2 Wastewater Treatment Plants

This system safely moves wastewater and stormwater away from homes and businesses.

The Problem: Sewer Blockages

Blockages in sewer pipes can cause:

- Basement and street flooding
- Damaged pipes
- Polluted waterways
- Risks to public health
- Costly repairs

What Causes Blockages?

One major cause of sewer blockages are fats, oils and grease (FOG). When poured down the sink, drain or toilet, FOG:

- Cools and hardens inside pipes
- Sticks to pipe walls
- Builds up over time

This can block both home plumbing and City sewers.

Flushing wipes and personal care products makes the problem worse.

These items do **not** break down in water and together with FOG can form large blockages called "fatbergs".

What Can You Do?

The City of Windsor needs everyone to help protect homes, the environment and the sewer system:

- Follow the tips in this brochure to properly dispose of FOG
- Only flush human waste and toilet paper down the toilet

Need More Information?

📍 The Corporation of the City of Windsor
Pollution Control
Lou Romano Water Reclamation Plant
4155 Ojibway Parkway
Windsor, ON, N9C 45A

☎ 519-253-7217

✉ pollutioncontrol@citywindsor.ca

💻 CityW.ca/FOG

General City Services



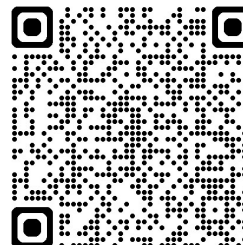
☎ 311

✉ 311@citywindsor.ca

💻 www.311online.ca

Own a Restaurant or Food Business?

Visit the City's website to learn more about the requirement to have a grease trap and a waste grease bin for recycling, and other best management practices to protect your pipes and City sewers.



PROPER DISPOSAL OF HOUSEHOLD FATS, OILS AND GREASE

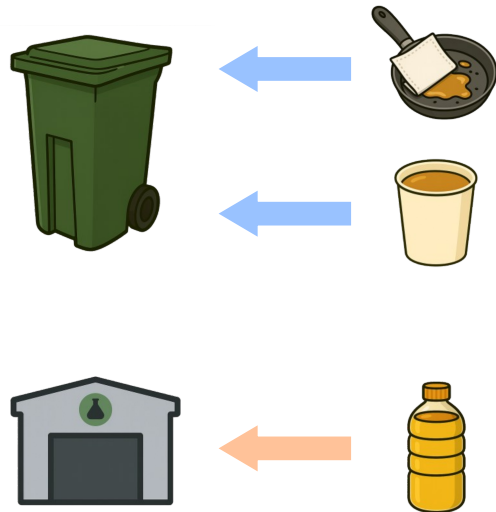


What is FOG?

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) come from cooking and food preparation. FOG can include:

- Dairy products (like milk, cream, sour cream, butter and yogurt)
- Shortening
- Lard
- Salad dressings and condiments
- Cooking oils (like olive, vegetable, canola and deep frying oil)
- Sauces and gravies
- Meat fats and drippings left over from cooking meals

How to Dispose of FOG at Home



Tiny amounts (less than 500 ml):

- Wipe up FOG with a paper towel
- Put in the green bin

Solidified small amounts (less than 1000 ml):

- Pour FOG into a compostable paper cup
- Refrigerate or freeze to harden (solidify)
- Put it in the green bin on collection day

Liquid or large amounts (more than 1000 ml):

- Drop it off for free at the Household Chemical Waste Depot located at 3540 North Service Road East, Windsor, Ontario

FOG DOs

-  Wipe FOG from dishes before washing.
-  Scrape food scraps into the green bin.
-  Use a sink strainer to catch food scraps.
-  Tell family and neighbours about the problems with FOG in the sewer.

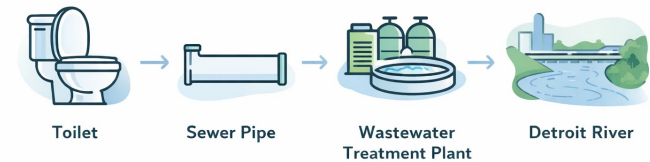
FOG DON'Ts

-  Don't pour FOG down the sink, drain or toilet.
-  Don't drain meat drippings or gravy in the sink or toilet.
-  Don't rinse FOG down the drain with hot water.

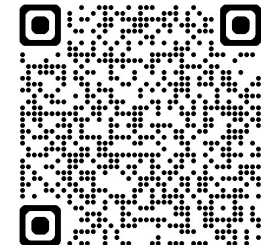
Learn More About the Sewer

Everything that goes down the drain goes somewhere:

- Wastewater goes to a treatment plant
- Stormwater flows directly to rivers and lakes



Scan the QR code or visit the City's website to watch a video called "*Wastewater: Where does it go?*" and learn more about what happens after you flush.



What Kind of Cup?

Any certified compostable paper cup is acceptable put in the green bin.

Look for these logos when choosing a compostable paper cup.

