



## **CITY OF MIDWEST CITY PUBLIC EDUCATION INFORMATION**

**TO: City of Midwest City Resident**

**Subject: FOG (Fats, Oil & Grease)**

The City of Midwest City Wastewater Operations and Maintenance has the responsibility of 279 miles of pipe and 12 lift stations. These lines transport approximately 6 million gallons of wastewater daily for treatment and release back into our local streams. The biggest problem for both the City and residential users is cooking grease. This grease causes blockages and sanitary sewer over flows (SSO's) every year that costs thousands of dollars to remove and clean up. This figure also includes residential users, you are responsible for your own line from the City's sewer main to your home.

The City of Midwest City Continues to be aggressive in its inspection programs of grease traps and interceptors at restaurants and fast food facilities. This program helps by making sure the traps and interceptors are pumped out and cleaned on a regular schedule, and replaced if they are not working properly. By implementing this preventative maintenance program, we have reduced the amount of SSO's due to FOG in the City's collection system.

By following a few simple steps, you can help prevent costly SSO's and blockages.

- Pour grease into cans or other receptacles; put them in the refrigerator or freezer, then dispose of them in the trash. (Do not use glass jars, they could explode and cause serious injury.)
- Scrape grease and food scraps in to the trash.
- Use basket strainers in sinks to catch food scraps and empty strainer into the trash.
- Be careful using some de-greasing products, they may simply pass the grease down the line, where it reconstitutes and causes problems elsewhere.
- Use a paper towel to wipe down greasy dishes before washing them.

With these suggestions the City of Midwest City hopes to achieve the following:

- Enhance public awareness and change the way people think about the disposal of fats, oil and grease.
- Decrease the amounts of fats, oil and grease entering into the sanitary sewer system.
- With your help using these few simple procedures, we will reduce blockages which cause sewer back up and overflows that end up in our water and streams.

For questions, comments, or ideas please contact Industrial Waste Monitor, Michelle Aumiller,  
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