CEASE THE GREASE

Fight FOG — Fats, Oils and Grease Clog Your Drains

Logo courtesy of the City of Dallas

Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) come from meats, butters, lard, food scraps, sauces, dressings, dairy products, and cooking oil. When FOG goes down the drain, it hardens and causes sewer pipes to clog. This can lead to a sanitary-sewer overflow where raw sewage actually backs up into your home, lawn, neighborhood, and streets. It can also run into a nearby stream or river, which affects our drinking water.

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- Scrape food scraps, oil, grease, and sauces from plates and utensils into the trash and dispose of them properly.
- Don't pour oil or grease down the drain or garbage disposal.
- Check to find out if your solid waste service accepts used cooking oil.
- Learn more about water quality in Texas through the TCEQ's TMDL Program.

For more information, see <www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/tmdl> or scan:

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Scoop the Poop

Be a Responsible Pet Owner

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Dog waste is a top contributor of bacterial pollution in urban watersheds. You may not live near water, but stormwater carries pet waste and other pollutants directly into waterways.

Dog poop is not a good fertilizer for your lawn. Pet waste doesn't just wash away or disappear. If you are not disposing of your dog's waste, you are putting yourself, your family, your dog, and your water quality at risk.

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- Be prepared: have bags with you to pick up the waste. Collect your pet's waste in a bag and deposit it in a trash can, or dump the poop in the toilet (without the bag).
- Review local laws. If your community doesn't regulate pet waste, try to make it a priority of your local governing body.
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Resolve to Get Involved

Implementation Plans and Watershed Protection Plans

Who participates?

EVERYONE, including individuals, organizations, government, agriculture, business, and environmental and community groups.

People who live and work in the watershed provide critical information and perspective. Because, ultimately, they are the ones who make a difference.

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- Attend a public meeting for the watershed plan nearest you. You can find the TMDL Implementation Plan projects on our website. Search: TCEQ TMDL projects.
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Become a Citizen Scientist

Citizen scientists are trained volunteers that collect environmental data to help inform the public, schools, and governments about local natural resources.

Every day, hundreds of citizen scientists across Texas collect data on water quality through the Texas Stream Team program.

Texas Stream Team
Caring for Our Waters

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- Contact the Texas Stream Team or your local river authority for volunteer opportunities.
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Do Your Part— Be SepticSmart

Did you know that one in four of all U.S. homes has a septic system? If you're not properly maintaining your septic system, you're not only hurting the environment, you're putting your family's health at risk—and may be flushing thousands of dollars down the drain!

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- Protect it and inspect it.
- Think at the sink.
- Don't overload the commode.
- Shield your field—keep roof drains, sump pumps, and other drainage water away from your drain field.
- Don't strain your drain.
- For more information about maintaining your septic system, see "On-Site Sewage Facilities" at <ossf.tamu.edu/> from the Texas Water Resources Institute.
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