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FAT FREE SEWERS

Grease clogs your arteries AND the sewer system!

Dear Home Owner: The Environmental Protection Agency has ordered Austin to eliminate sewage overflows caused by grease and aging sewer lines or face serious fines. The Austin Clean Water Program (ACWP) oversees the repair and replacement of old sewer lines. You can help ACWP protect creeks, yards and homes from sewage overflows by keeping sewers Fat Free.

- Grease comes from meats, butter and margarine, lard, food scraps, sauces and dairy products. NEVER pour grease down sink drains or into toilets.
- Put grease and food scraps in a sealed container or bag to prevent odor and bug problems and place in the garbage cart. Large amounts of cooking oil can go to a grease recycler listed in the Yellow Pages.
- Place a basket/strainer in sink drains to prevent food scraps from going into the garbage disposal. Empty contents of the basket/strainer into a sealed container or bag before placing in the garbage cart.

Remember: Many of Austin's sewage overflows are caused by grease blockage. Eliminating grease from your drains will help control utility rates by preventing expensive sewer line repairs. Best of all, Austin's environment will benefit.

The Austin Clean Water Program is sponsored by the City of Austin Water and Wastewater Utility.

To report sewer overflows, call 972-1000.

To contact ACWP, call 684-3204 or e-mail
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- Grease traps or interceptors must be designed and installed properly and cleaned and serviced on a frequent basis. For information, call the Special Services Division, 972-1060, or e-mail industrialwaste@ci.austin.tx.us.
- Be cautious of chemicals and additives (including soap and detergents) that claim to dissolve grease. They may pass grease down pipes to clog sewer lines in another area.

Remember: Many of Austin's sewage overflows are caused by grease blockage. Making sure grease stays out of the sewer system will help control utility rates by preventing expensive sewer line repairs. Best of all, Austin's environment will benefit.

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