NOTICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD GREASE PROBLEM

Please help us eliminate grease problems in your neighborhood.

Dear Property Owner and/or Resident:

We have encountered severe grease-related blockages in the sanitary sewer lines serving homes in your neighborhood. This grease may have resulted in a sewage overflow event in the street, your yard, or inside someone’s residence.

To address this issue, the District has provided an informational pamphlet, a grease can lid, and a handy grease scraper as part of the Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Program. We encourage you to take the time to read the pamphlet, using the labels as shown, and utilizing the grease can lid and scraper to properly dispose of your FOG.

Your participation will go a long way in keeping the sewer lines in your neighborhood “Fat-Free” and protecting our environment. For more information visit our website at www.westvalleysan.org.

Thank you for doing your part.

West Valley Sanitation District

Put a Lid On GREASE
Keep Your Sewer Fat Free!
Fat-Free Sewers
Prevent Fats, Oils, and Greases from Damaging Your Home and the Environment

Helping To Prevent Sewer Overflows And Backups Is Easy.

Fats, oils, and greases aren't just bad for arteries and waistlines; they're bad for sewers, too.

Sewer overflows and backups can cause health hazards, damage home interiors, and threaten the environment. A common cause of overflows is sewer pipes blocked by grease. Grease gets into the sewer from household drains as well as from poorly maintained grease traps in restaurants and other businesses.

Where Does the Grease Come From?
Grease is a byproduct of cooking that comes from meat fats, lard, oil, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, baked goods, sauces, and dairy products. When washed down the sink, grease sticks to the insides of sewer pipes (both on your property and in the street). Over time, it can build up and block an entire pipe.

Caution: Home garbage disposals do not keep grease out of the plumbing system. Moreover, hot water and products such as detergents that claim to dissolve grease only pass it down the line and cause problems elsewhere.

The results can be:
• Raw sewage overflowing in your home or the house next door.
• An increase in operation and maintenance costs for local sewer departments, which leads to higher sewer bills for customers.
• An expensive and unpleasant cleanup that often must be paid for by you, the home or business owner.
• Raw sewage overflowing into parks, yards, and streets.
• Potential contact with disease-causing organisms.

You Can Help!
Help prevent sewer overflows by:
• Never pouring grease down sink drains or into toilets.
• Scrapping grease and food scraps into a can or the trash for disposal (or recycling where available).
• Putting baskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids, and emptying them into the trash.
• Speaking with your friends and neighbors about how to keep grease out of sewers.