



# BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

## To Control Fats, Oils & Grease

Scottsdale Water Resources

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Everyone benefits by reducing the amount of fats, oils and grease (FOG) that flow into the city's sewer system. It's good for the environment, it's good for neighbors and tourists, and it's good for your bottom line. Sanitary sewer systems are not designed or equipped to handle FOG when it sticks to the interior pipes. The best way to handle FOG is to keep it out of the plumbing systems in the first place. Here are some suggestions for proper FOG management.

**PUT LEFTOVER FOOD IN THE TRASH, NOT DOWN THE DRAIN** – this reduces the frequency at which grease traps and interceptors must be cleaned, and helps reduce odors. There are also non-profit organizations that will take your leftover food to feed the less fortunate.



**DRY WIPE POTS, PANS AND DISHES** – and dispose in the trash. This reduces the amount of FOG that goes into your grease interceptor and the city's sewer system, which will reduce maintenance costs.

**PUMP AND CLEAN GREASE TRAPS**– Place the grease in a tightly-sealed container for proper disposal. Keep a log of all cleaning activities on site for review by Water Resources inspectors.

**USE THE 3-SINK SYSTEM** – the first to wash, the second the rinse and the third to sanitize. This will save energy and costs.



**POST "NO GREASE" SIGNS** – where everyone can see them, especially near sinks and floor drains. Frequent reminders can continually educate employees working with FOG.

**ROUTINELY CLEAN EXHAUST HOODS** – FOG can accumulate on your roof and is a potential fire hazard. It could also enter the storm drain during a storm.



**TRAIN YOUR STAFF** – take the time to ensure all employees understand the benefits of FOG-controlling procedures.

**CLEAN INTERCEPTORS FREQUENTLY** – routine pumping will prevent backups for both your business and the city. Make sure you can witness the interceptor being cleaned to get your full value. Comply with City Code by keeping an *on-site* maintenance log with all interceptor service records.



**COVER CONTAINERS STORED OUTSIDE** – uncovered FOG containers can collect rainwater, which can create an overflow.

**STORE DUMPSTERS AND CONTAINERS AWAY FROM STORM DRAINS** – FOG that enters a storm drain can reduce water quality and can result in fines and other actions. The farther away FOG is stored from a storm drain, the easier it is to clean up spills.