

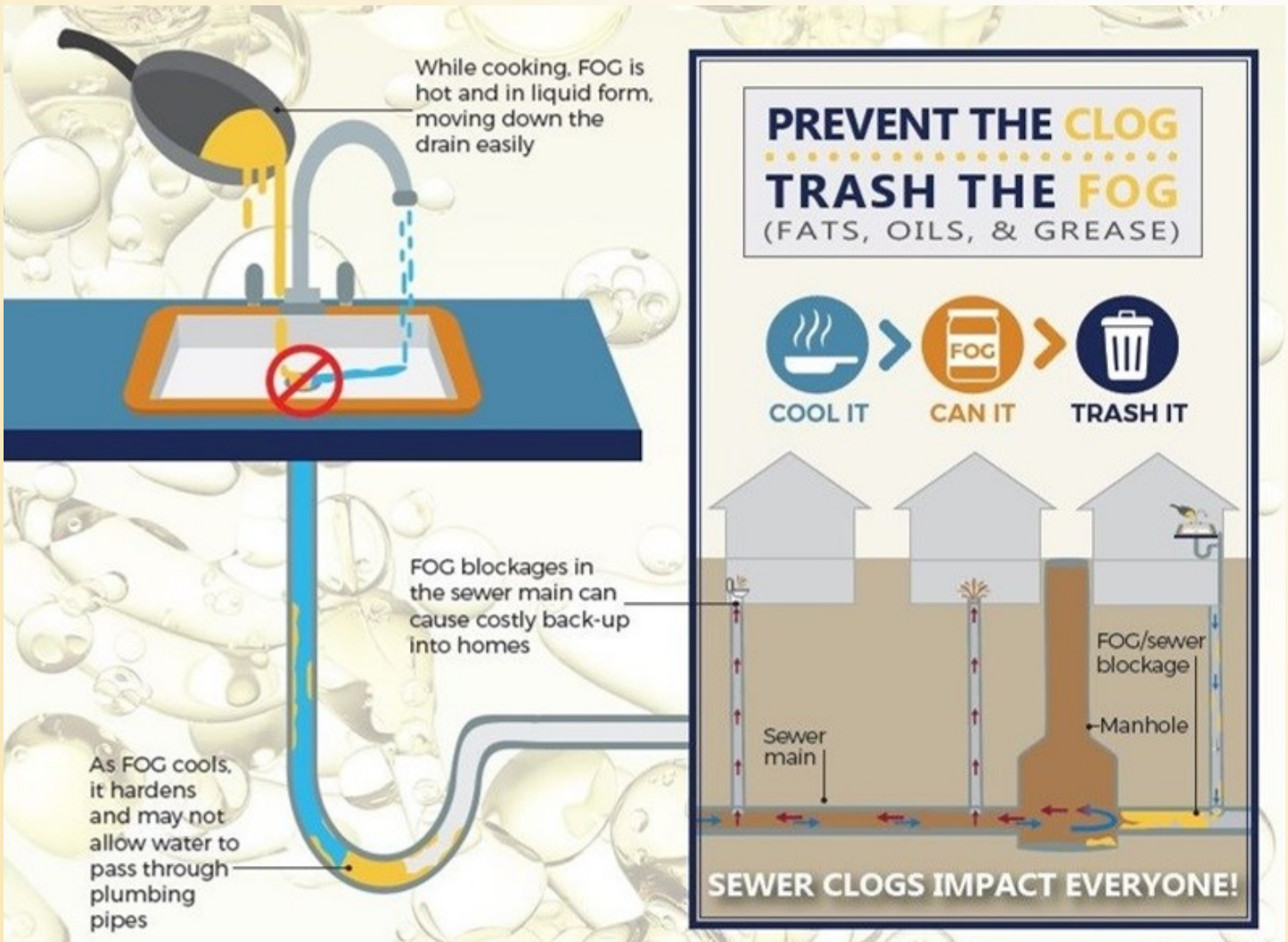
Policing Your Grease to Protect Your Pipes

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FOG is found in such things as:

- Meat fats
- Food scraps
- Lard/shortening
- Baking goods
- Butter/margarine
- Cooking oil



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FATS

Solid at Room Temperature

Butter, Shortening, margarine, Peanut butter, meat trimmings, uncooked poultry skin. Dairy: Cheeses, milk, cream, sour cream, ice cream

OILS

Liquid at room temperature

Vegetable oil, Canola oil, Olive oil, Corn oil, salad dressings, cooking oils

GREASE

Turns to liquid during cooking, but solidifies when cooled

Gravy, Mayonnaise, Melted meat fat, Bacon and sausage, boiled poultry skin, Salad dressing

What is FOG?

FOG is an acronym for Fats, Oils, and Grease, which is commonly found in wastewater. When poured down the drain, FOG can build up in pipes and equipment and cause significant problems in the sewer system and wastewater treatment plants. Problems such as sewer line blockages cause environmental health hazards and property damage and lead to increased operation and maintenance costs which show up as higher sewer bills for customers.

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Fats, Oils, and Grease aren't just bad for your arteries and waistline; they're bad for sewers! Sewer overflows and backups can cause health hazards, damage home and business interiors, and threaten the environment. Common causes for sewer backups are pipes blocked by grease that has been poured down household drains.

What can you do?

The easiest way to solve the grease problem is to keep

FOG out of the sewer system in the first place. Follow the easy tips listed below and not only will your family be protecting the environment from sanitary sewer overflows, but you may never have to call a plumber *again!*

- Never pour fats, oils, and grease down the sink drains or garbage disposal.
- Pour FOG into jars, cans, and plastic tubs (wait until cooled). Let contents cool and solidify. When the container is full, throw it away in your trash.
- Mix cooking oil with an absorbent material such as cat litter or coffee grounds, place in a lidded container for disposal with your trash.
- Never dispose of FOG outside, on the ground, or down the storm drain.



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