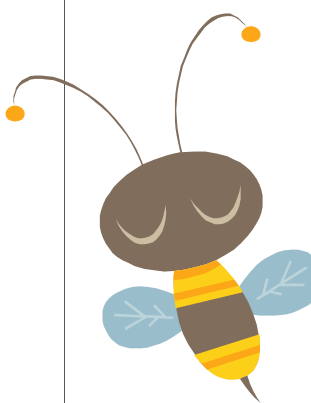







Sanitary Sewer Overflow Initiative (SSOI)







Please help us eliminate **FOG** from our sewers!

(Fats, Oils, and Grease)

Have you ever wondered why you or your neighbors sewer lines backup or you see manholes overflowing? Many of these problems are caused simply by the improper disposal of **Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG)** into our sewer system. In order to help prevent expensive sewer backups, plumbing emergencies, or public health issues, the City of Big Spring is requesting that all of its citizens follow these simple Do's and Don'ts.

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-  **DO** Scrape all food scraps into the trash, never in the sink.
 -  **DO** Dispose of large amounts of **FOG** by mixing clay cat litter, a little at a time, with the **FOG**. When all of the **FOG** has been absorbed, pour the cat litter into a trash bag, seal the bag appropriately, and dispose of it with your regular trash in the dumpster.
 -  **DO** Recycle used cooking oil or properly dispose of it by pouring it into a sealable container, allowing it to solidify or absorb into cat litter or paper towels, and place the sealed container in the trash.
 -  **DO** Wipe pots, pans, and dishes with dry paper towels before rinsing or washing them.
 -  **DO** Use strainers in sink drains to prevent food scraps from entering the sewer system.

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-  **DON'T** Use cloth towels or rags to scrape plates or clean grease dishes. When they are washed, the grease will go to the sewer.
 -  **DON'T** Put grease or greasy food into the garbage disposal.
 -  **DON'T** Use hot water to rinse **FOG** from dishes, pots, and pans. When the water cools in the sewer, the **FOG** will solidify and clog the pipes causing them to back up the system.
 -  **DON'T** Rely on commercial additives in detergents to dissolve grease. They only disperse it down the line to recollect and cause problems for another area.
 -  **DON'T** Pour **FOG**, including salad dressings and sauces, into your drains, the toilet, the alley, or gutters.

Clogged pipes, whether in your own household plumbing or in the City's sewer system, are a major nuisance, an expensive problem, and a public health issue. In fact, **Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO)** from the collection system must be reported to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) as a violation of the wastewater discharge permits they issue. We are therefore, asking our residents to help us make our sewers "**FOG FREE**" so that we can reduce the number of **SSOs** that occur within our City collection system.

Your help would be most appreciated!!