

# FOGs COME IN ALL SHAPES AND SIZES!

## FATS

Fats typically **solidify** at room temperature.

- Butter
- Shortening
- Margarine
- Peanut butter
- Meat trimmings
- Cheese
- Milk
- Sour cream
- Ice cream
- Frosting

## OILS

Oils remain **liquid** when kept at room temperature.

- Cooking oils such as:
  - Vegetable oil
  - Canola oil
  - Olive oil
  - Corn oil
- Salad dressing

## GREASE

While cooking, greases are **liquid**. However, they **solidify** once they cool and reach room temperature.

- Gravy
- Mayonnaise
- Melted meat fat from sources such as
  - Bacon
  - Sausage

## RESOURCES

### Alachua County Environmental Protection Department

AlachuaCountyWater.org  
352-264-6800



### Gainesville Regional Utilities (GRU)

GRU.com/FOG  
352-334-2711

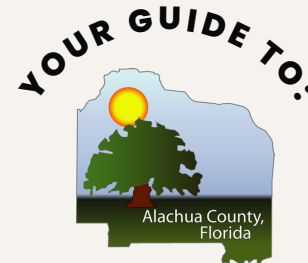


### Alachua County Hazardous Waste Collection

AlachuaCounty.us/depts/SolidWaste  
352-334-0440



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# PREVENTING SEWER OVERFLOWS

## IN YOUR HOME AND OUR COMMUNITY



Sewage back-ups are a costly and avoidable headache. Most are caused by Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOGs) and items that should not be flushed.

# FOGs: WHAT ARE THEY?

Fats, Oils, and Grease are collectively known as FOGs. They cause blockages in our sewer system when they harden and are one of the leading causes of raw sewage overflowing into our creeks and homes.

## WHAT TO DO

Wipe out oily pots and pans with paper towels and put in the trash. Some FOGs can be saved and reused. **Never** pour it down the drain, instead:



**CAN IT. COOL IT. TOSS IT.  
OR REUSE IT!**

If you have large amounts of vegetable oil (olive, canola, etc.) that has not been mixed with animal fats, bring them to one of Alachua County's six **hazardous waste collection centers**.

# WHY SHOULD I CARE?

**FOGs and water don't mix!** When waste Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) are poured down drains or garbage disposals, they can solidify and form thick greaseballs that build up in our pipes and clog sewer systems.

This can cause sewage spills as well as wastewater backups in your showers/bathtubs, sinks, toilets, and even your neighbors' homes.

Raw sewage can be harmful to humans, pets, and the birds, fish, and other wildlife that live in our creeks!

Expensive backups and repairs inconvenience homeowners and tenants.



# UNFLUSHABLES: WHAT ARE THEY?

Unflushables are common household items that can cause clogs! Just because something CAN be flushed, does not mean it SHOULD be flushed. Flushing these down toilets can lead to raw sewage backing up and causing costly repairs.



## WIPES

## PAPER TOWELS



## FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS



## DIAPERS



## FLOSS

Sewage plants and septic systems are not designed to treat medicines, so they end up polluting our water. Bring old medicines to one of our hazardous waste collection centers.



**Only flush the 3 P's: toilet paper, pee, and poo! Everything else should go in the TRASH.**