



Stuff a Turkey, Not the Pipes!

What's the Big Deal?

When food, oil, grease, and other materials like paper towels get into the sewer system, they stick to the inside of pipes. Over time, debris will build up in the pipe and create a blockage. Here are some possible results of a clog:

- Raw sewage overflowing into your home, yard, or street
- Potential contact with disease-causing organisms
- Expensive clean-up procedures
- Increased sewer bills due to higher operation and maintenance costs to the sewer department
- Damage to the environment, including algae blooms and fish kills



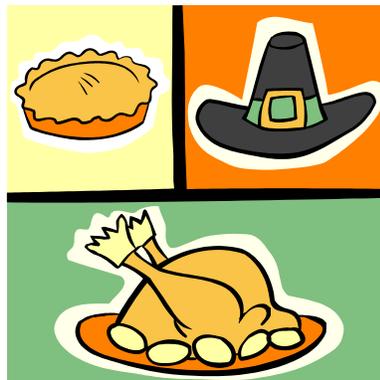
It's the holiday season! Time for family fun and favorite recipes. As you enjoy the holiday, make sure to dispose of food and grease properly to avoid sewer clogs. Here are some tips to help you prevent sewer backups and overflows:

- For small amounts of grease, wipe out pots and pans with a paper towel after cooking and throw the paper towel in the garbage.
- Scrape or pour grease and food scraps into a can or jar, then throw it in the garbage when it's full.
- Put a strainer into the sink drain to catch food scraps, then throw the scraps in the garbage.
- Throw your unwanted leftovers and cooking scraps in the trash or compost them—only very small scraps should go in the in-sink disposal!



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*Protect your health, your family, the environment, and your wallet!
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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For more information or with questions you may have, please contact the City's Industrial Pretreatment Division at **(336) 883-3410**

Or visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/HighPointNC.gov

To report a sanitary sewer overflow, contact Customer Service at **(336) 883-3111**. This line is open 24/7.

You can also visit the Water Environment Federation's web site at www.wef.org for more general information on fats, oil, and grease.