# CAN IT, COOL IT... TOSS IT!

That residual grease and oil from frying or cooking should never be poured down your drain or into your toilet — instead, pour it into an empty container like a tin can, let it cool then toss it in the trash.



# ONE MORE THING... PLEASE STOP FLUSHING THOSE WIPES and RAGS!

Baby wipes, wet-wipes, paper towels and such...including cloth rags (yes, it happens) should never be flushed down the toilet. They can create havoc with our wastewater collection system equipment (see photo). Please properly dispose of such items in the trash.

Impeller jamb due to wipes and rags in the wastewater collection system



#### **Questions?**

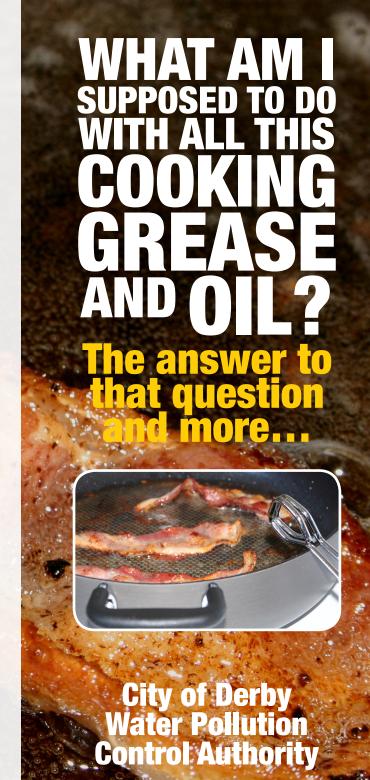
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#### CITY OF DERBY WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

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## **WHAT IS FOG?**

**Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG)** are found in dairy products, meat, cooking oil, butter, margarine, lard, sauces, dressings, and baking products.

**FOG** has a negative impact on Derby's sewer system. These materials, generated from food preparation and disposal, congeal in sewer lines and can cause sewer backups in homes, or sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) that affect lakes, ponds, and rivers in the City.

Instead of dumping cooking oil and other fats, oils, and grease by-products from cooking into the sink, store it in a used tin can or another container. These containers can then be thrown in the trash.



# FOG DOs & DON'Ts

scrape and wipe pans and dishes into the trash before you wash them

use a can, bottle, or plastic container to store FOG byproducts then dispose of them in the trash.

be careful to let cooking byproducts cool before storing

**DON'T** pour grease down the drain or toilet

**DON'T** pour gravy, sauces, batters, etc. down the drain

**DON'T** put food scraps down the drain

overuse your garbage disposal; dispose of food scraps in garbage



## **WHY COLLECT FOG?**

- Protects pipes in your home from grease build-up
- Prevents the build-up of grease in the sewer system that results in Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) and other community health hazards
- Increased FOG in the sewer system requires additional maintenance and cleaning costs, resulting in higher sewer bills for residents



FOG clogs up our sewers and contributes to unhealthy Sanitary Sewer Overflows

