



# STOP THE CLOG

*Trap your FOG (fats, oils, & grease)*



Grease coats the inside of sewer pipes when disposed of incorrectly creating sewer blockages.



Sewer blockages cause sewers to back up into homes and businesses or overflows which enter into streams and creeks.

## Fast Fat Facts

- Sewer companies spend hundreds of thousands of dollars and thousands of hours unlogging and cleaning sewer system lines each year.
- Costs of unlogging these lines are passed on to residents through sanitary sewer fees.
- You can help decrease sewer line blockages by using a can or jar to recycle, repurpose, or dispose of fats, oils, and grease (FOG).
- Your actions can help keep these problems from occurring and keep costs associated with fixing them to a minimum. Please help us keep your sewer rates low!

## Why Trap FOG?

Lexington County has been tasked to reduce the bacteria levels in our waterways. A major contributor to bacteria levels in our waterways is sewer leaks and overflows that are predominantly caused by disposing of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) down kitchen sinks.

Sewer leaks and overflows can be reduced if we recycle FOG, repurpose FOG or dispose of FOG in the trash instead of down the sink. Lexington County accepts FOG at all of its Recycle Centers *and encourages all County residents to recycle. Or, you may repurpose FOG into bird suet (see recipe on opposite side). Lastly, you may pour your FOG into a container and dispose in the garbage.*



## Tips to STOP THE CLOG



Pour cooled FOGs into a can or jar. When full, recycle, repurpose (see below) or dispose in the garbage.



Scrape solid FOGs and food scraps from plates, pots, pans, trays, utensils, grills, and cooking surfaces into the trash.



Never pour fats, oils, or grease down sink drains or into toilets.



Put strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and empty into trash for disposal.



Speak with your neighbors and friends about FOG problems in the sewer system and how to keep fats, oils, and grease out.

### Places to Recycle FOG

All 11 Lexington County Recycling Centers

- 301 Ball Park Rd, Lexington
- 6109 Bush River Rd, Columbia
- 103 Distant Ln, Chapin
- 498 Landfill Ln, Lexington
- 125 Beulah Church Rd, Hollow Creek
- 702 South Lee St, Leesville
- 1325 S. Pine St, Pelion
- 110 River Chase Way, Lexington
- 3241 Charleston Hwy, Cayce
- 538 Martin Neese Rd, Swansea
- 419 Sandpit Rd, Summit

### Bird Suet Cake Recipe

(from *The Farmer's Almanac*)

- 2 parts melted fat (from saved FOG)
- 1 part yellow cornmeal
- 1 part crunchy peanut butter
- 1 part oatmeal
- 1 part raisin

Mix all ingredients together and cook until FOG melts. If mixture is dry, add additional FOG so that when frozen will bind ingredients. Pour into small containers (tuna fish cans work well), and freeze until needed. Mixture can also be stuffed into open pine cone and frozen until hung outside for birds. Best when temperature is below 60°F

**Pour your grease from the pan to the can!**

Recycle used cooking oil!



Throw solidified grease in trash!