



STOP THE CLOG

caused by FOWG (fats, oils, wipes & grease)



Grease coats the inside of sewer pipes when disposed of incorrectly creating sewer blockages. Often wipes are found in the grease contributing to hardening and compaction.



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

Fast Fat & Wipes Facts

- Sewer companies spend hundreds of thousands of dollars and thousands of hours unclogging and cleaning sewer system lines each year.
- Costs of unclogging 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). Always dispose of wipes in the trash, and don't flush them.
- 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 are FOG or FOWG a Problem?

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 as well as flushing wipes (FOWG) down toilets.

Sewer leaks and overflows can be reduced if we recycle FOG, repurpose these cloggers or dispose of them and any type of wipes (FOWG) in the trash instead of down the sink or toilet. 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). You may pour your FOG into a container and dispose in the garbage. Lastly, always put wipes of any kind in the trash even if they have the word "flushable" on the package.

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Tips to STOP THE CLOG



Pour cooled FOGs into a can or jar, cover with grease lid and refrigerate. When full, save lid, recycle, repurpose (see below) or dispose of can in the garbage.



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



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



Always dispose of wipes in the trash. Never flush them even if the product claims to be flushable.

**PLEASE TEACH THIS TO CHILDREN,
AND SHARE THIS INFORMATION
WITH NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS.**



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

Places to Recycle FOG & Dispose of Wipes

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

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 ingredients will bind when frozen. 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!