City Ordinances Pertaining to Grease

Sec. 74-223. - Prohibited discharges.

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described water or wastes to any public sewers:

(4)Solid or viscous substances in quantities or of such size capable of causing obstruction to the flow in sewers, or other interference with the proper operation of the wastewater facilities…

Sec. 74-226. - Grease, oil and sand interceptors.

Grease, oil, and sand interceptors shall be provided when, in the opinion of the committee, they are necessary for the proper handling of liquid wastes containing floatable grease… such interceptors shall not be required for private living quarters or dwelling units….and shall be located as to be readily and easily accessible for cleaning and inspection. In the maintaining of these interceptors, the owner shall be responsible for the proper removal and disposal by appropriate means of the captured material and shall maintain records of the dates, and means of disposal which are subject to review by the committee. Any removal and hauling of the collected materials not performed by the owner's personnel must be performed by currently licensed waste disposal firms.

Need More Information?

The City of Milton Water and Wastewater Utilities provides emergency maintenance service to reduce inconveniences caused by water leaks and sewer backups
If you experience a sewer problem, please call the Department of Public Works at 608-868-6914 and state that you are reporting a sewer emergency. If there is nobody at public works, contact Rock County Non-Emergency Dispatch Center at 608-757-2244 who will contact a Milton Police Officer. Backed up sewer lines, line breaks, sewage odors and overflowing manholes are considered an emergency.

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GREASE-BASED SANITARY SEWER BACK-UPS

A guide for preventing sewer back-ups caused by grease build-up in the sewer mains.

Wastewater Utility

SANITARY SEWER BACK-UPS: FATS, OILS, AND GREASE
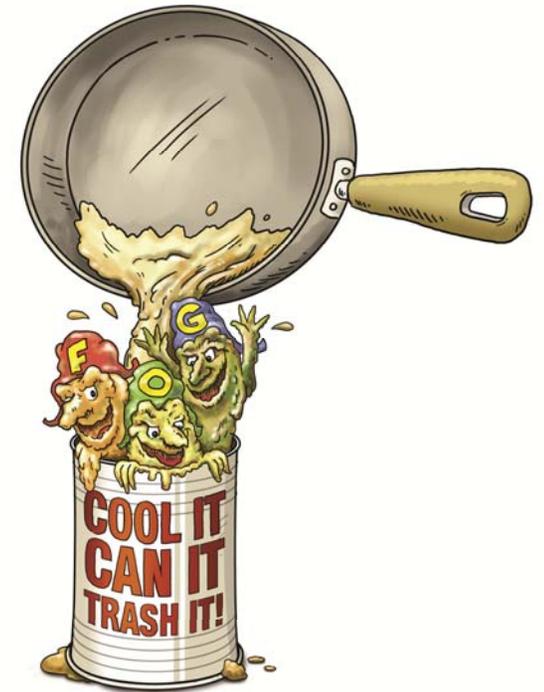
What causes grease back-ups?

If not disposed of properly, grease is washed into the plumbing system, usually from a kitchen sink. The grease sticks to the inside of the sanitary sewer lines – the internal pipes of your residence or business and the City's sewer mains. The grease continues to emulsify and accumulate over time to the point where the flow is greatly restricted or even completely blocked. Fat, oil, and grease blockages are costly and unpleasant to clean. Sources of fats, oils, and grease in the sewer system are:

- Meat fats
- Cooking oils including lard, shortening, butter and margarine
- Dairy products and
- Food scraps

What can I do to prevent this?

Following a few simple guidelines will greatly reduce the amount of grease entering the sanitary sewer system.

- Never pour fats, oils or grease down your drain – including sink drains, floor drains and toilets.
- Put cooled grease in a heat-resistant container and dispose of in the garbage.
- Garbage disposals do not keep grease out of the plumbing system. Garbage disposals are designed only to grind solid material into smaller pieces; use sparingly.
- Detergents that claim to dissolve grease only allow it to pass farther down the sanitary line. The grease will eventually emulsify and create a blockage farther down the main. This blockage may still affect your line.
- Scrape food scraps and grease from pots, pans and dishes before washing. Grease from a dishwasher also enters the sewer system. You can use paper towels to dry wipe grease from dishes. Dispose of the scraps and greasy paper towels in the garbage.

For Business: Grease Interceptors are Regulated.

Grease interceptors are generally not required for residential dwellings.   Contact the plumbing inspector at 608-868-6914 to see if your business requires a grease interceptor. See reverse side for city ordinances regarding this.