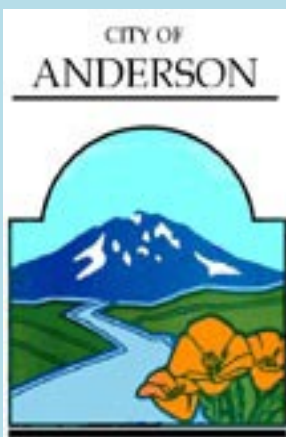




## **Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG) Public Outreach**

*The City of Anderson needs your help in keeping our streams and City streets clean. Grease build-up in our City's sewer system causes blockages. These blockages can result in sanitary sewer overflows that pollute our streams, streets and even your home! These unpleasant discharges of sanitary sewer not only create an environmental hazard and pollution but can also cause major damage to homes and businesses. By following just a few simple clean-up measures while cooking, you can help eliminate unwanted grease. Your efforts will greatly reduce sewer maintenance and operation expenses as well as the public health risks that are involved with sanitary sewer overflows.*



The City spends **thousands of dollars** every year combating grease build up in sewer lines.

Additionally, **thousands of dollars** are spent on overtime and call-outs due to clogged pumps at the sewer lift stations.

The culprits that cause these clogged pumps are **diapers, wash towels, underwear, dental floss, shop rags, paper towels and personal hygiene products.**

**Help us help U keep your property tax bill and rent down for sewer service by disposing of these above mentioned items in the trash.**

# Think before you put anything down the sink! Help us, help U

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**Fats, Oils and Grease...What's the problem?**

## **Sewer Blockage is the problem!**

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Too often grease is washed into the plumbing system, usually through the kitchen sink. Grease sticks to the insides of sewer pipes (both on your property and in the streets). Over time the grease can build up and block the entire pipe. Cooking grease in the form of lard, shortening and cooking oils can all build up on the inside of sewer pipes causing line blockages, or worse, **Sewer System Overflows (SSO's)**

**SSO's are the discharge of untreated wastewater into the environment.**

The **EPA has determined that SSO's are the number one cause of pollution in our national waterways.** Commercial additives, including detergents that claim to dissolve grease only pass grease down the line and cause problems in other areas. The results can be sewage overflowing into your **home** or your neighbor's causing expensive and unpleasant cleanups. This increases the potential risk to public health and the operation and maintenance costs for the City.

## **Steps you can take to help stop Sanitary Sewer Overflows**

- Never pour grease down the sink.
- Scrape dishes and pots into the trash.
- Put grease in a container, then into the trash.
- Minimize the use of garbage disposals.

**Never put diapers, wash rags, shop towels, paper towels, underwear or hygiene products into the toilet. They should go into the trash.**



Your toilet and sewer system is only designed to dispose of human waste and toilet paper (which quickly breaks down). Place and use a waste basket in bathrooms and *other areas to dispose of trash.*

*Following these simple tasks will prevent your sewer lateral and the City's main line from plugging and driving up your sewer rate which is included in your property tax or reflected in your rent. Remember, the City is only responsible for main lines. If the lateral plugs, a plumber may have to be called in to fix your lateral!*

**Don't let this happen to your sewer!!**

**If you have any questions or problems call:  
Anderson Wastewater Division at (530) 378-6664.**