PROPER METHODS FOR DISPOSAL OF FAT, OILS, GREASE (FOG) AND OTHER WASTES TO PREVENT SEWER LINE BLOCKAGES AND OVERFLOWS

DO

> Recycle used cooking oil or properly dispose of it by letting it cool and placing it into a sealable container (ziplock bag) and placing it in the trash. To recycle large amounts, such as what's left over from a catfish fry or frying a turkey, use clay cat litter. Just mix the litter, a little at a time, into the oil. When all the oil has been absorbed, pour the cat litter into a trash bag, seal the bag, then dispose of it in your regular trash.

> Scrape food scraps into the trash, not the sink.

> Wipe grease and oil from pots, pans, and dishes with dry paper towels before ringing or washing them. Then throw away the paper towels.

> Place a catch basket or screen over the sink drain when rinsing dishware, or when peeling or trimming food, to catch small scraps that would otherwise be washed down the drain. Throw the scraps in the trash.

DON'T

> Don't use a garbage disposal or food grinder. Grinding food up before rinsing it down the drain does not remove FOG; it just makes the pieces smaller. Even non-greasy food scraps can plug your home's sewer lines. So don't put food of any kind down the drain.

> Don't pour cooking oil, pan drippings, bacon grease, salad dressing, or sauces down the sink or toilet, or into street gutters or storm drains.

> Don't use towels or rags to scrape plates or clean greasy or oily dishware. When you wash them, the grease will end up in the sewer.

> Don't run water over dishes, pans fryers, and griddles to wash oil and grease down the drain.

PROPER MAINTENANCE OF SEWER SERVICE LINES TO PREVENT OVERFLOWS

DO

> Keep cleanout caps on at all times to prevent rainwater from entering the sewer system.

> Replace cleanout caps if broken.

> Replace old clay or concrete service pipe with PVC or other approved watertight pipe material.

DON'T

> Connect any kind of rainwater drain pipe, outdoor floor drain or gutter system downspout to the sewer system.