

Stop and think. Not down the sink!

Fat, oil and grease cause major problems to drains and sewers. When they are disposed of down kitchen sinks or drains they cause blockages.

£ The cost of pouring fats, oils and grease down the drain can quickly add up. Drains or private sewers that carry waste away from the home are the bill payer's responsibility, both inside and outside the property boundary until the point where they connect with the public sewers. It may be necessary to call out a plumber to resolve the problem of blockages.



Fat and grease that is not dealt with correctly could have this effect on our sewers.

Fat, oil and grease in liquid form may not appear to be harmful, but as it cools it congeals and hardens. It sticks to the inner lining of drainage pipes and restricts the wastewater flow causing the pipes to block. Using detergents or bleach may appear to help but this is only temporary as the mixture soon turns back to thick or solid fat.

There are approximately 200,000 sewer blockages throughout the UK every year of which up to 75% are caused by fat, oil and grease. Clearing these blockages costs millions of pounds a year which is reflected in customers' bills. Blockages can result in sewer flooding, odour problems and the risk of rat infestations, both near and beyond your property.

FOLLOW THE SIMPLE CHECKLIST BELOW WHEN DISPOSING OF FATS, OILS AND GREASE IN YOUR KITCHEN:



Do wipe and scrape plates, pans and utensils before washing (and put the waste into a bin).



Do collect used cooking fat, oil and grease in an appropriate container and dispose of in the waste bin. Alternatively add nuts and seeds to the fat to make it into bird cake.



Do use strainers in sink plug holes (and empty contents into the bin).



Do not put cooking oil, fat or grease down the sink.



Do not put food scraps into the sink (place in the waste bin).



Do not pour boiling hot water down the sink to try to dissolve fat and grease. It does not work.