

## No FOG in Temple City

When it comes to stormwater pollution, big corporations or businesses always take the blame. That might have been true years ago, but now tougher environmental laws are keeping them in compliance. Nowadays it is the household that might contribute to the stormwater pollution-unknowingly.

Overflowing sewer lines is a major cause of stormwater pollution. A lot of people are not aware of the sewer overflows caused by fat, oil and grease (FOG). Just as fat clogs arteries, grease and oil clog the city sewer pipes. People have been pouring byproducts of cooking down the sink drain all year long. Fats, oil and grease gradually build up in the pipes and cause problems.

It is very costly for the city to routinely clean out these pipes. Besides the expensive cost to clean up the mess, sewer lines may be contaminated to cause health hazards and threaten the environment. There is something everyone can do to reduce the sewer line blockages and overflows caused by fat, oil and grease:

- Never pour grease down any sink or toilet;
- Put fat, oil and grease into a sealable container and put it in the trash;
- Scrape food scraps into the garbage.



Follow these simple practices can save you money and keep you away from problems!

This message is brought to you by the City of Temple City Public Works Department as part of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program. For questions or more information on the FOG issue, please call the Public Works Department at (626) 285-2171.