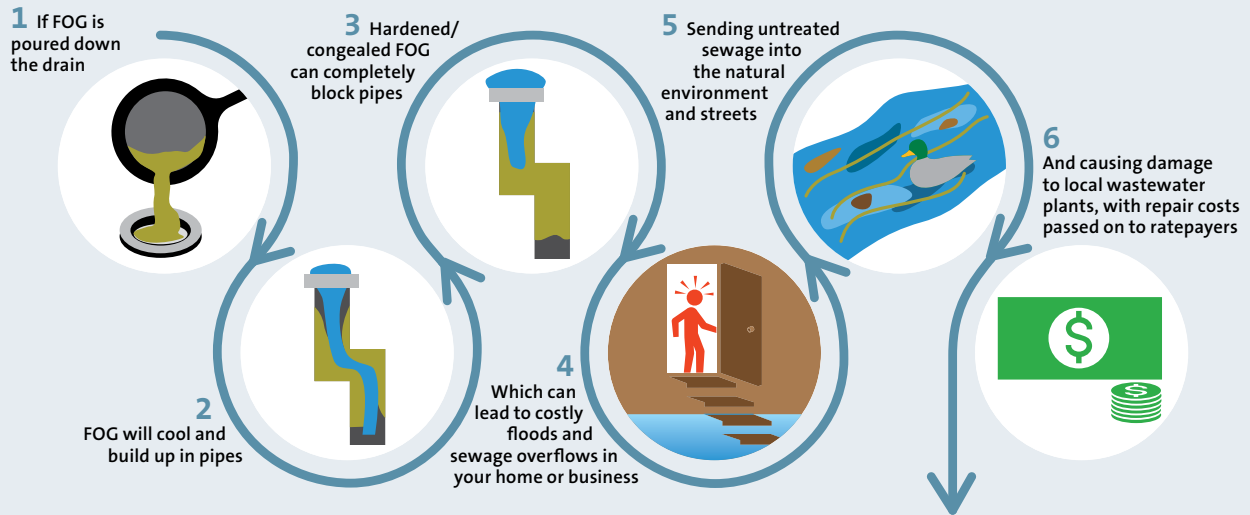


# Protect Your Pipes! Facts on FOG

## HOW FATS, OILS AND GREASE (FOG) CAN BLOCK YOUR PIPES



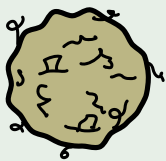
**Bottom line:** Improper FOG disposal hurts your wallet and the environment.  
**Cool it. Scrape it. Green bin it.**

### FOG + WIPES = TROUBLE

If FOG mixes with other items, such as wipes, cotton swabs or dental floss, then blockages can happen even faster.

*Did you know that over \$250 million is spent each year in Canada removing garbage from our sewer systems alone?*

### FEAR THE FATBERG



FOG + non-flushables can create huge "fatbergs." One the weight of 11 double decker buses and as hard as concrete was discovered blocking a British sewer recently.

### FOG FACTS



**Running soap and hot water down the drain with FOG will NOT stop it from hardening inside the pipe.** Soap and hot water will only move FOG further down your pipes, where it will eventually cool, congeal and harden.



**FOG shouldn't go down the toilet either!** Wastewater from every toilet, drain, shower, kitchen sink, dishwasher, laundry sink or bathtub is connected to a single sewer pipe from your residence. All wastewater ends up in the same sewer pipe.



**Cooking oil alert!** Some cooking oils, like vegetable, canola and olive, don't solidify. Instead, they congeal, coating pipes. You can compost small amounts as long as they can be absorbed by the other organics in your green bin. Large amounts can often go to a local hazardous waste depot. Ask your municipality.

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