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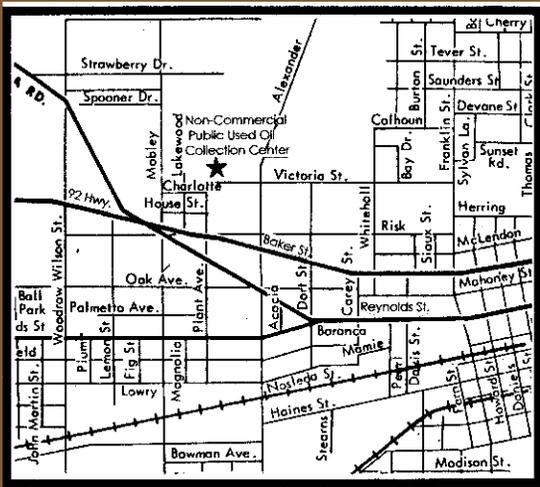
Water Resource Management Division

813-659-4298

705 N. Alexander Street

Plant City, FL 33563

24 Hour Emergency: 813-757-9191



Above: Map to the Public Used Oil Collection Center. One tank is marked for cooking oil, the other is for used motor oil.

Note: This site is intended for residential use only.

Who Fixes Sewer Line Problems ?

When a blockage occurs in a sewer line, responsibility for fixing the problem depends on where the blockage occurs.

The City is responsible for maintaining the line within the road right of way, while the homeowner is responsible for maintaining the line from the house to the right of way.

If you're unsure of where the blockage has occurred, and all drains within the household are blocked, start by reviewing the diagram inside this pamphlet. If the blockage is in the homeowner's sewer line, it will be their responsibility to resolve the concern. If it is in the City's sewer lines, then call the City's Utility Maintenance Division at 813-757-9288 (813-757-9191 after hours) to request an inspection.

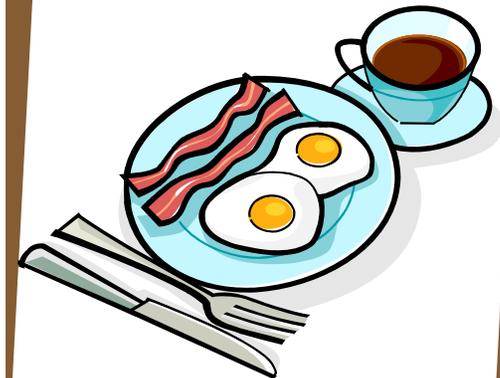


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Grease and Your Sewer System

A homeowner's guide to responsible grease management practices



Do you know where grease comes from?

- Meat fats of all types, including beef, pork, chicken
- Lard, shortening
- Butter and margarine
- Cooking oil and salad oil
- Food scraps put down the garbage disposal
- Sauces and gravy– both canned or home-made
- Salad dressings and mayonnaise
- Dairy products: milk, yogurt, and ice cream



Sanitary System Overflows

Overflows from sanitary sewer systems are a serious concern. When wastewater flows out of sewer lines and into homes, streets, ditches, ponds or other areas, it carries contaminants that can cause a threat to human health and the environment.

One of the main causes of sanitary sewer overflows is the improper disposal of household oils and greases. When people haphazardly dispose of oils and greases, it can cause a build-up of these products in plumbing lines and the sanitary sewer systems. These build-ups can eventually lead to blockages in these pipes that result in raw wastewater overflowing into homes, and/or into a community's streets and water bodies. **You can do many simple things that can make a difference in preventing these harmful occurrences!**

It's easy to avoid PROBLEMS!



- Wipe plates, dishes, and pots/ pans clean and dispose of excess waste in the trash.
- DO NOT pour grease down the sink or into the toilet.
- Dispose of cooking oil and grease at the City's Public Used Oil Collection Center, located at the corner of PLANT and VICTORIA streets. There is a tank at the site marked COOKING OIL ONLY. The other tank at the site is for used motor oil. Bring them both in at the same time! See the map on the back of this pamphlet for directions.

The diagram shows the typical sewer line from a house to the right of way. The sewer line should have two clean-outs installed– one next to the house and one near the right of way. When a blockage occurs, the homeowner should check cleanout A by the house to see if it has water in it. If it does, it is likely the blockage is in the line between the house and the main. Cleanout B, near the right of way, should then be checked—notify the Utility Maintenance Division if this cleanout has water standing in it. If it does not, the blockage is on the homeowner's property and their responsibility to clean out.

