A simple regimen for healthy plumbing:

Use a strainer to separate grease or oil from cooking scraps or other solid food waste. Then scrape the solids into the trash instead of washing them down the drain or into the garbage disposal.

After cooling, pour grease and fat into a disposable container. Place the container in a plastic bag to reduce odor, and put it in the trash.

Remember your home’s plumbing is only meant to handle water, and though convenient, the garbage disposal isn’t capable of handling fat and grease.

If you have any questions please contact:

Customer Service at (727) 464-4000
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Easy Drain Cleaner:
Use a plunger first, though not after using any commercial drain opener. To open clogs, pour 1/2 cup baking soda down the drain, add 1/2 cup white vinegar, and cover the drain. The resulting chemical reaction can break down fatty acids, allowing the clog to wash down the drain.

Again, do not use this method after trying a commercial drain opener – the vinegar can react with the drain opener to create dangerous fumes.

FOG stands for “fat, oil, and grease.” It is the liquid and solid by-products of cooking. FOG from food clings to the inside of your home’s plumbing and the pipes in the sewer system. Over time, it builds up like plaque in an artery, decreasing the pipe’s diameter, and allowing less and less wastewater to pass through. As in your body, it is a gradual process. It’s hard to notice until circulation stops functioning like it used to, first slowing down then completely clogging. The consequence can be an overflow of wastewater in your home or neighborhood. Besides being unpleasant, it is dangerous and may contain disease-causing organisms.

What qualifies as grease?
- **Beef and Pork Grease**
- **Lard**
- **Shortening**
- **Oils**
- **Butter/Margarine**
- **Sauces**

Imagine drinking from a deep fryer. Yum. If your body is a temple, could your home be thought of as a human body? You want to keep it strong and safe, make sure it has a long life. There are warnings everywhere about the dangers of fat and cholesterol, with graphic images of what they can do to your arteries.

Pipes are pipes, no matter if a plumber or a heart surgeon fixes them. Being informed about the effects of our choices today can save immeasurable pain and money in the future.

Clean arteries and clean pipes; you can make the difference.

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