

# SUBURBAN LANCASTER SEWER AUTHORITY Needs Your Help To Stop The FOG Monster!

## The FOG Monster

A big problem is currently ongoing in SLSA sewers. Many communities refer to this problem simply as the FOG monster (Fats, Oils, Grease) or the CLOG monster since it is the main cause of sewer clogs. A sewer back-up can be a very stinky and costly mess! Our goal is to minimize the chance of this occurring. Only with the help of all residents can this be done. The worst culprit in clog formation is the combination of fats, oils and grease, known as FOG.

Here's what you can do to help:

- Do not pour fats, oils or grease down the drain.
- Soak up the grease after frying with paper towels and put in the trash.
- Pour larger amounts of used cooking grease into a container with a lid. Refrigerate to harden, and then place in the trash. (Great way to recycle containers from take-outs.)
- Minimize the use of your garbage disposal. Put your food scraps into the garbage or compost.
- Never pour motor oils down the drain! This is illegal.

Put the FOG monster on a fat-free diet and we will all benefit!



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In addition to causing sewer backups, FOG also builds up in the SLSA pumping stations. The stations must be cleaned out on a regular basis, and FOG must be removed by large vacuum trucks and disposed at a facility that accepts that type of waste. This whole process is costing SLSA tens of thousands of dollars this year! FOG is usually a byproduct of cooking. The easiest way to help prevent backups, sewage overflows, and huge cleaning and disposal expenses is to keep FOG out of the sewer system.



July 2017 photographs inside SLSA pumping station with FOG surface layer (left photo) and without FOG surface layer (right photo). This is ONLY the FOG that made it through the pipes. More could exist in the SLSA sewer pipes and your home's service line!