

Harrisburg Water & Sewer News

PREVENT SEWER BACKUPS; PROPERLY DISPOSE YOUR GREASE AND OIL.

DID YOU KNOW...?

- More than 15,000 sewer overflows occur each year in North Carolina; most are directly related to the improper disposal of grease and oil in kitchen drains.
- Most sanitary sewer backups occur between your home and the town's sewer main.
- Liquefied animal fats, grease and vegetable oils often congeal, clogging pipes and causing overflows.
- Sewer overflows threaten your home and the environment.

HOW TO HELP:

- *Do not dispose of cooking grease or oils down drains or into toilets.*
- *Place cooking grease/oil in a sealed container (for example, and old coffee can or jar) and dispose in a trash receptacle.*
- *Wipe grease/oil residue from pots and pans with a paper towel and dispose in trash.*
- *Allow grease/oil to cool and solidify before disposing in trash.*

BUSINESSES AND THE TOWN ORDINANCE:

The Town would like to remind local businesses with grease traps to ensure they are pumped regularly. Harrisburg's ordinance – specifically the “Fats, Oils, and Greases Ordinance” – requires all traps to be pumped out at least quarterly. It also requires that users maintain a written record of trap maintenance for three (3) years. All applicable records must be available for inspection by the Town at all times.

Businesses may fax these records to 704-455-4761. The Town regularly inspects all grease traps and will be following up with the record inspections in the coming months. A copy of the Town's ordinance is available online, www.harrisburgnc.org, or by calling 704-455-0729.

REPORT A PROBLEM:

Noticing slow drainage at your home or business? Please call Harrisburg Town Hall at 704-455-5614.