

## WHERE DOES GREASE COME FROM?

- Most of us know grease as a byproduct of cooking. Grease is found in such things as:
  - Meat fats
  - Lard
  - Cooking oil
  - Shortening
  - Butter and margarine
  - Food scraps
  - Baked goods
  - Sauces
  - Dairy products



Too often, grease is washed into the plumbing system, usually through the kitchen sink. Grease sticks to the inside of sewer pipes (both on your property and in the streets). Over time, the grease can build and block the entire pipe.

Home garbage disposals do not keep grease out of the plumbing system. These units only shred solid material into smaller pieces and do not prevent grease from going down the drain.

Commercial additives, including detergents that claim to dissolve grease, may pass grease down the line and cause problems in other areas.

### **The results of a grease-blocked sewer pipe can be:**

- Raw sewage overflowing in your home or your neighbor's home
- An expensive and unpleasant cleanup that often must be paid for by you, the homeowner (the average cleanup cost is about \$3,000; this does not include replacing carpets and repairing walls)
- Potential contact with disease-causing organisms
- An increase in operation and maintenance costs by Land Harbor Utilities Department, which could cause higher sewer bills for members.

***Please do your part to keep fats, oils and greases out of the sewer!***