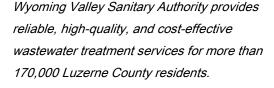
## **About WVSA**



## **Don't Clog**

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Founded in 1962, the WVSA is also leading a regional approach to stormwater management— a collaborative measure to meet federal mandates aimed at protecting and enhancing the water quality of our local and regional water resources.

Recognized for our commitment to environmental initiatives, collaboration and community service, the WVSA is a proud recipient of the 2018 Governor's Award for Local Government Excellence and the 2018 Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence. To learn more about us and our Regional Stormwater Management Program, visit our website at www.wvsa.org.



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You 'otter know...
we all live downstream.



Fats, oil and grease (FOG) hardens as it flows down the sewer pipe and attaches to solids normally found in the sewers forming clumps. These clumps eventually stick to the sides of the pipes and slow the flow of sewage.

When not disposed of properly, FOG builds up in the sewer system constricting flow, which can cause sewer backups. Sewer overflows and backups can affect health, damage homes and threaten the environment.

They can also interfere with sewage treatment at Wyoming Valley Sanitary Authority's treatment plant. In short, improper disposal of FOG can lead to:

- ⇒ Costly cleanups for property owners
- ⇒ Potential contact with disease-causing organisms
- ⇒ Municipal operational and maintenance expenses—often passed onto property owners

## What to do with Fats, Oil & Grease

- ⇒ Do not pour fats, oils or grease down the drain.
- $\Rightarrow$  Scrape leftover food into the trash.
- ⇒ Place a strainer in the kitchen sink drain to catch food scraps and other solids, then empty the strainer into the trash.
- ⇒ Soak up the grease after frying with paper towels and put it in the trash.
- ⇒ Pour small amounts of used cooking grease into a container with a lid or that's sealable (e.g., coffee can or empty milk carton). Refrigerate to harden and then place it in the trash.
- ⇒ Restrict disposing FOG related foods through any garbage disposal.

## In the trash...not the drain

- Baked Goods
- Butter/Margarine
- Cooking Oil
- Dairy Products
- Meats
- Pasta
- Sauces and Soups
- Shortening

