



## GREASE!

### Your Sink's Worst Nightmare

The same fat and cholesterol that clogs your arteries can also choke the life out of your home's plumbing. The liquid and solid by-products of cooking can cling to the inside of your home's plumbing and pipes in the wastewater system. Over time, it builds up like plaque in an artery, decreasing the pipes' diameter and allowing less and less wastewater to pass through.

**Prevention is the best approach to avoiding clogs.** After cooling, pour grease and fat into a disposable container, wrap it in a plastic bag to reduce odor, and put it in the trash. While you're at it, scrape those food scraps into the trash, instead of dumping them into the garbage disposal.

Every little bit of prevention counts, and if you're good to your pipes, they will be good to you. For more information, contact Pinellas County Utilities at **727-464-4000** or e-mail us at [pcuwebteam@pinellascounty.org](mailto:pcuwebteam@pinellascounty.org) and ask for your copy of the "**Grease...Your Sink's Worst Nightmare**" brochure.

#### What qualifies as oil or grease?

- Beef & pork grease
- Lard
- Shortening
- Oils
- Butter & margarine
- Sauces

