

# Restaurants & Commercial Kitchens

## **Avoid Expensive Cleanup Costs Related to Sewer Blockages**

Clean eating and drinking establishments are important to everyone. However, when not properly handled and managed, routine activities that keep businesses clean, or that assists in food production, can contribute to the pollution of our watersheds and the Delta. Pollution can harm aquatic habitats, human health, and ultimately can result in significant cleanup costs. Being a successful business and an environmentally responsible eating and drinking establishment go hand-in-hand.

Restaurants and commercial kitchens typically produce fats, oil, and grease (FOG) that when disposed improperly (e.g.; in kitchen sinks and toilets) can clog the sewer lines, causing sewer overflows into nearby homes, businesses or local waterways. Sewer systems and storm drain systems are not designed or equipped to handle the grease buildup from the fats, oils, and grease.

- FOG buildup in sewer lines can cause property damage, environmental problems, and other health hazards.
- Overflows impact public health, waterways and storm drains may result in expensive fines and cleanup costs.
- Overflows can result in expensive cleanup costs being assessed to the polluter

Thank you for being environmentally responsible and for keeping our region a desirable place for people to live and visit!

For additional information, [contact the Public Works Department](#)