STOP THE CLOG

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### Use a save lid to help with proper disposal

Pour cooled FOGs into a can or jar, cover with a grease lid, and refrigerate. Dispose of the container when full and reuse the lid (more info on the back).

### Scrape your trash

Dispose of solid FOGs and other foods from plates, pots, pans, trays, etc. into the trash.







### Lexington County Recycling Centers

You can take your FOG to be recycled and wipes to be disposed of to all 11 Lexington County Recycling Centers

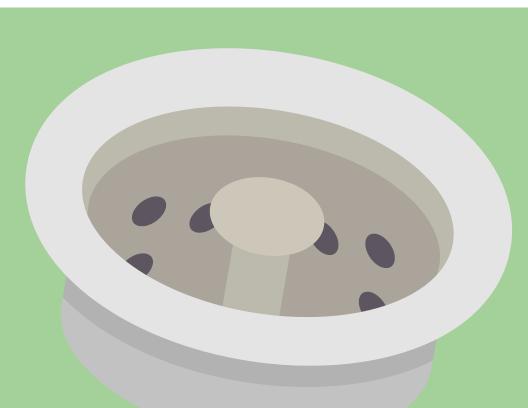
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110 River Chase Way, Lexington
3241 Charleston Hwy, Cayce
538 Martin Neese Rd, Swansea



### Never pour FOGs down the sink!

This can cause detrimental damage to the inside of sewer pipes and cause blockages.

#### Get sink strainers



Strainers in sinks help to catch food scraps. Make sure to empty these into the trash.

### Keep sewer fees down

The cost to unclog sewer system lines are passed on to residents through sanitary sewer fees.

## Dispose of wipes in the trash

Never flush wipes down the toilet! Even ones that claim to be "flushable" should be placed in the trash.



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# Why are fats, oil, wipes, and grease (FOWGs) a problem?

Lexington County has been tasked with reducing the amount of bacteria in our waterways. A major contributor to the high bacterial levels is sewer leaks and overflows. These are predominately caused from residents disposing of fats, oils, and grease (FOG) down kitchen sinks and also by flushing wipes down the toilet.

We can reduce the number of sewer leaks and overflows if we recycle or repurpose fats, oil, and grease as well as disposing of any kind of wipe in the trash instead of the toilet--even wipes that claim to be flushable. Lexington County accepts FOG at all of its Recycle Centers and encourages all County residents to use this resource. If you can't make it out to one of

the Centers, you can properly contain and dispose of FOGs in the trash.

# Do you enjoy bird watching? Check out this recipe to use your leftover FOG for feed!

**Bird Suet Cake Recipe** 

from the Farmer's Almanac

2 parts melted fat (saved FOG)
1 part yellow cornmeal
1 part crunchy peanut butter
1 part oatmeal
1 part raisin

Mix all ingredients together and cook until FOG melts. If mixture is dry, add additional FOG so that ingredients will bind when frozen. Pour mixture into small containers (tuna fish cans work well) and freeze until needed. Mixture can also be stuffed into open pine cones and frozen. Hang outside for birds once hardened. Best when temperatures are below 60°F.



### Doing your part

Making these simple changes help save time and money by reducing how much sewer companies need to unclog and clear sewer system lines. Please help us by doing your part to keep sewer rates low!

Want to learn more? Contact the Lexington County Environmental Coordinator at **(803) 785-8634** or visit the Lexington Countywide Stormwater Consortium website at **Icswc.com** 



Reach out to us if you need some grease lids!