



To report sewer overflows outside of your facility,
contact the City of Carlsbad's Wastewater Division at

760-438-2722

Dear Owner/Operator:

The City of Carlsbad's City Council adopted an ordinance regarding fats, oils and grease, or FOG, to address the negative effects it has on the sanitary sewer system. FOG is a byproduct of the food service industry that must be controlled so it does not cause adverse effects to the sewer system.

FOG enters the sewer with wastewater from washing dishes, cleaning equipment and floors. As the grease cools, it hardens and coats the inside of sewer pipes, blocking the pipes and causing wastewater to overflow onto the street. It can then flow into the storm drain system, sending raw sewage to our beaches and the ocean. To prevent this serious problem, food facilities are required to participate in the City of Carlsbad's Grease Control Program. Please note the city's utilities experts are available to help you and answer any questions you may have about the program or its requirement.

This FOG folder is a tool for your use. It includes a fact sheet and other informational resources to help you and your staff exercise best management practices in the disposal of FOG. The folder may also serve as a location for you to store the maintenance and documentation records required when the city conducts yearly inspections at your facility. You can familiarize yourself with the requirements by reviewing the FOG Ordinance and Municipal Code on the city's website at www.carlsbadca.gov/fog. All folder materials can also be found there.

During its inspections, the city will also provide you with an instructional poster that must be hung in your commercial kitchen, and training videos are available on the city's YouTube channel, which you and your staff are required to watch.

The city is making you aware of the ordinance so you have the necessary information should you choose to remodel or sell. Please note this information must be disclosed to prospective owners should you decide to sell.

Future action by the City of Carlsbad's City Council may include a fee schedule for FOG inspections as well as the potential for FOG mitigation fees for persistent problems. These inspections are necessary to help keep our sewer system working properly and our beaches and ocean clean. Let's work together to save on plumbing expenses and prevent backups into the drains of your facility and our city!

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the City of Carlsbad's Wastewater Division at 760-438-2722.

Sincerely,

Jesse Castaneda
Utilities Supervisor

