

Town of Cary

SEWER USE ORDINANCE

Each year, there are more than 15,000 sewer overflows in North Carolina. Many of these overflows are directly related to the improper disposal of oil and grease in kitchen drains. Grease congeals on sewer pipes, which causes wastewater to flow back into homes and businesses or directly into waterways.



Sanitary Sewer Overflow

THIS MAY HAPPEN

Substances that can cause or lead to a blockage or obstruction of a sewer main are prohibited. Fats, oils, and greases are materials that are known to cause sewer blockages.

If a sewer blockage occurs that creates a sanitary sewer overflow, the Town of Cary can issue a civil penalty up to \$10,000 plus the cost of cleanup.

For further information, contact:

Town of Cary Public Works and Utilities
Department Pretreatment Section
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BEWARE OF THE Grease Goblin



LAST SEEN:
Loitering in Sinks
and Drains

WANTED FOR:
Causing Sewer
Overflows

DID YOU KNOW...

Most sanitary sewer backups occur between your home and the town's sewer main?

You can help prevent a costly and unsanitary overflow by following a few simple steps:



- ✓ Scrape excess grease in a container and dispose of it in the garbage.
- ✓ Place food scraps in waste containers or garbage bags for disposal with solid wastes, or start a compost pile; promote use of scraping ware prior to washing.
- ✓ Place a wastebasket in the bathroom to dispose of solid wastes. Disposable diapers, condoms, and personal hygiene products do not belong in the sewer system.
- ✓ Promote the concept of "3 R's": Reduce, Reuse, Recycle.



- ⊘ Pour grease, fats, and oils from cooking down the drain.
- ⊘ Use the toilet as a wastebasket.
- ⊘ Use the sewer as a means of disposing food scraps.