

# Sioux Falls Residents Declare War on the Grease Menace!

## DO!

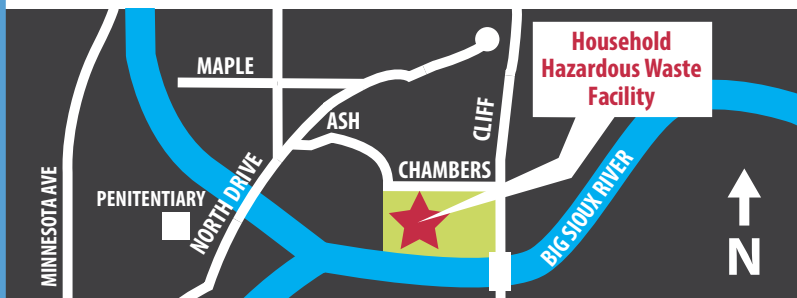
- Remove oil and grease from pans, fryers, and dishes. Allow it to cool before scraping off excess grease.
- Scrape food wastes from dishes directly into trash or garbage. Avoid using your garbage disposal.
- Put used oils and grease from cooking in collection containers. The collection containers can either be placed in your garbage or brought to the City's Household Hazardous Waste Facility located at 1015 East Chambers Street. Call 605-367-8695 or visit our website at: [www.siouxfalls.org/hhwf](http://www.siouxfalls.org/hhwf), for information and drop off times.
- Use a catch basket or other device in sinks. Empty into trash as needed.

## Here is the battle plan:

- Scrape food wastes from dishes directly into trash or garbage, never down the drain.
- Install screens in all drains in food preparation areas.
- Never rinse off oils and grease from pots and pans with hot or cold water.
- Once cooking oils have cooled, transfer them to a collection container, such as a milk carton, and dispose of into the trash or bring it to the City's Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

## DON'T!

- Never pour oil or grease down the drain.
- Never put food scraps down the drain.
- Never run water (hot or cold) over greasy dishes, pans, or fryers. Use absorbents (such as paper towels) instead, prior to washing.
- Never use chemicals to breakup grease blockages; they can damage your plumbing. Slow or blocked drains can be a sign of poor handling of food scraps and grease.
- Never dump ANYTHING down an outside storm drain, as they flow directly to our natural waterways.



**By battling the grease menace, we can *PREVENT*:**

- Costly plumbing and sewer line blockages.
- Dangerous sewer overflows that can cause property damage, environmental issues, and potential health hazards.
- Unnecessary clearing of blocked sewer lines and cleanups from sewage overflows that waste valuable City resources.



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