

# PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

## CEASE THE GREASE

Grease in the Township's sanitary sewer system is an ongoing problem that costs the Township hundreds of man hours each year to address. Grease collects in the sewer lines and clogs the pipes. The backups from the clogged pipes can result in raw sewage backing up into buildings or on the ground surface creating a public health hazard. In order to avoid the clogged lines, the Township routinely cleans the mains with specialized equipment. Thousands of dollars could be saved annually if a few simple steps were followed by homeowners and commercial establishments to control the grease at the source.

### RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES:

Most of the grease that enters the sanitary sewer system from residential properties is a result of household cooking. The best way to prevent the sewer backups associated with grease is to avoid dumping the grease down the kitchen sink. Cooking grease should be collected in heat resistant containers and allowed to cool. The cooled grease then can be disposed of with the household solid waste. Running hot water down the drain may allow the grease to pass through the household plumbing, but the liquid will cool by the time it reaches the house lateral or sewer main and create a grease clog. Residents with septic systems also need to be aware of the potential damage grease can on their system.



Grease solidifies along the walls of sanitary lines over time eventually creating a blockage



Allow for cooking fat, oil and grease to solidify before disposal in container.