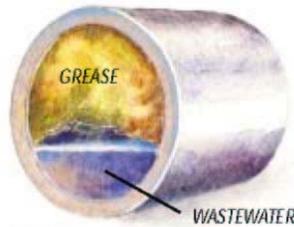


BEWARE THE GREASE GOBLIN!



There may be something lurking in the sewer pipes in your home and beneath your yard and street. What is this dastardly creature? The Grease Goblin. It is made from fats, oils, and grease from food preparation and disposal and it likes nothing better than to cause sewage backups. The Grease Goblin accomplishes this by sticking to the insides of sewer pipes and restricting water flow. As more and more fats, oils, and grease accumulate, the greater the chances of a back-up. When that happens, BOOM!, you've got a yucky mess.



Waste water in the pipes is called raw sewage and it is made up of all kinds of unpleasant things. When a back-up occurs in your home, this raw sewage backs up in your tubs and toilets and can even spill out onto the floor in your home. As bad as that is, when spills occur outside the home it can be worse. This raw sewage can effect surface water points such as streams, creeks, and ponds and cause considerable environmental damage.

There are ways to defeat the Grease Goblin and here is how you do it.

- Scrape off all food residues from plates, utensils, pots, and pans before you wash them.
- Instead of pouring used liquid fats and oils from cooking down the drain, pour the fats into a glass jar or coffee can. After it has cooled, throw the fat in the trash.
- If you deep fry foods, pour the used oil back into its container and throw away.
- If you have a septic system, service it every few years.

Remember, you can prevent sewer overflows. Don't feed the Grease Goblin. For further information about fats, oils, and grease damage, contact Gwinnett County Grease Management at 678-376-6713 or you can visit www.p2ad.org.