

# KEEP IT CLEAR

## KEEPING FATS, OILS, GREASE, AND CHEMICALS OUT OF A DRAIN



### Fats, Oils, and Grease

Fats, oils, and grease, known collectively as FOG, represent a serious enemy of our sewer lines. When FOG is dumped down a drain, it forms large, thick clogs in the pipes and is also harmful to water quality. Both of these things can cause a lot of problems, so it's best to fight FOG from the start!

The Environmental Staff at LaRC work actively to prevent harmful substances like FOG from entering any drains on Center. Environmental Staff also regularly monitor the stormwater that leaves LaRC and enters local waterways to ensure it is clean and clear.

Follow these steps to fight FOG in your home and at LaRC! And remember, fats, oils, and grease should never be placed down ANY drain on Center, including sinks, floor drains, and drains found outside.

## FIGHT F.O.G.

### Keep Fats, Oils, and Grease Out of Your Drain!



Wipe pots, pans, and work areas prior to washing to prevent grease and oil from being sent down the drain.



Dispose of food waste directly into the trash can instead of the garbage disposal.



Collect waste oil and store it for disposal or recycling. Oil and grease should never be poured into the drain.



Always clean floor mats inside over a utility sink, and never a place where water will run off directly into the storm drain.

### Chemicals



Chemicals can also be very harmful to our drains. As a convenient way to dispose of chemical lab waste, sink drains can be very tempting. Chemicals should not be disposed of in this matter for many safety and environmental reasons, since it may result in fire, chemical reactions, or corrosion within the plumbing system. Do not hesitate to ask your Facility Environmental Coordinated (FEC) how to properly dispose of any chemical waste if you are unsure.

Please contact the [Environmental Office](#) if you have any questions about water quality or proper disposal of wastes at LaRC.