**Quick Tips!**

- scrape all dishes into waste containers
- dry wipe all pots, pans, and grease collection pans
- dry wipe any grease spills
- no kitchen waste down toilets
- no grease down sink
- no food waste down sink
- no grease down floor drain

**Correct disposal of FOG is essential.** Simply using tap water to wash FOG away can cause costly problems to the sewerage system in the future.

- **Blockage** - FOG hardens and once washed away will clog your drains
- **Sewer** - in turn it will clog and likely damage Council’s Sewer
- **Treatment** - FOG can cause wastewater treatment to be inefficient
- **Expensive** - damaged drains will require a drain layer to clean and repair.

**How can you help?**

FOG disposal is simple

- **Treatment** - you are required to pre-treat to your wastewater containing FOG before discharge into Council’s sewer system.

There are generally 3 types of treatment

- **Passive** - cools and slows down the discharge; FOG floats to the surface
- **Automatic** - FOG is heated and floats to the surface where it is skimmed off
- **Biological** - bacteria break down FOG

**Passive Treatment**

These are located in the ground outside your premises.

The passive treatment works by cooling down wastewater discharge causing fats and oils to solidify and float to the surface and solid material, such as food scraps to sink to the bottom.

The passive treatment tank must be cleaned regularly to the maintenance requirements set by Council’s trade waste officer.
**Pollution Facts**

**Automatic Treatment**

These are located outside your kitchen. The automatic interceptor skims FOG off the wastewater surface. A heater inside the separator stops FOG going solid. FOG is then drained into a container on the side of the interceptor which can be collected and recycled with other used fats and oils. This type of treatment needs daily maintenance to manufacturers’ specifications.

**Biological Treatment**

These are located outside your kitchen. Biological treatment bacteria break down the FOG. Bacteria need to be added continuously by an automatic doser. The biological interceptor needs to be maintained to Council’s specifications.

**Which One?**

The treatment best suited to you can vary depending on such things as the size of your business and where the units can be located on your premises.

Please contact Council’s trade waste officer who has all the latest compliance information, rules and regulations that you need to meet, including the requirement to apply for a Trade Waste Consent.

**Regulations that apply:**
- Building Act
- Health Act
- Local Government Act - Trade Waste bylaw