

Grease washed into the plumbing system through the kitchen sink can build up and block sewer pipes. Blocked pipes can cause sewer overflows into your restaurant, other businesses, streets, and storm drains. You can help make a difference in keeping our rivers and streams clean by trapping the grease in the kitchen.

## Restaurant Owner

Grease is found in:

Meat fats and lard  
Cooking oil  
Shortening  
Butter and margarine  
Food scraps

## You can help:

- Prevent grease from building up and blocking sewer lines
- Stop sewer overflows into streets and storm drains
- Save money that would otherwise need to be spent on costly cleanups of sewage spills
- Reduce the number of times you have to clean your restaurant's grease trap
- Protect the quality of our water

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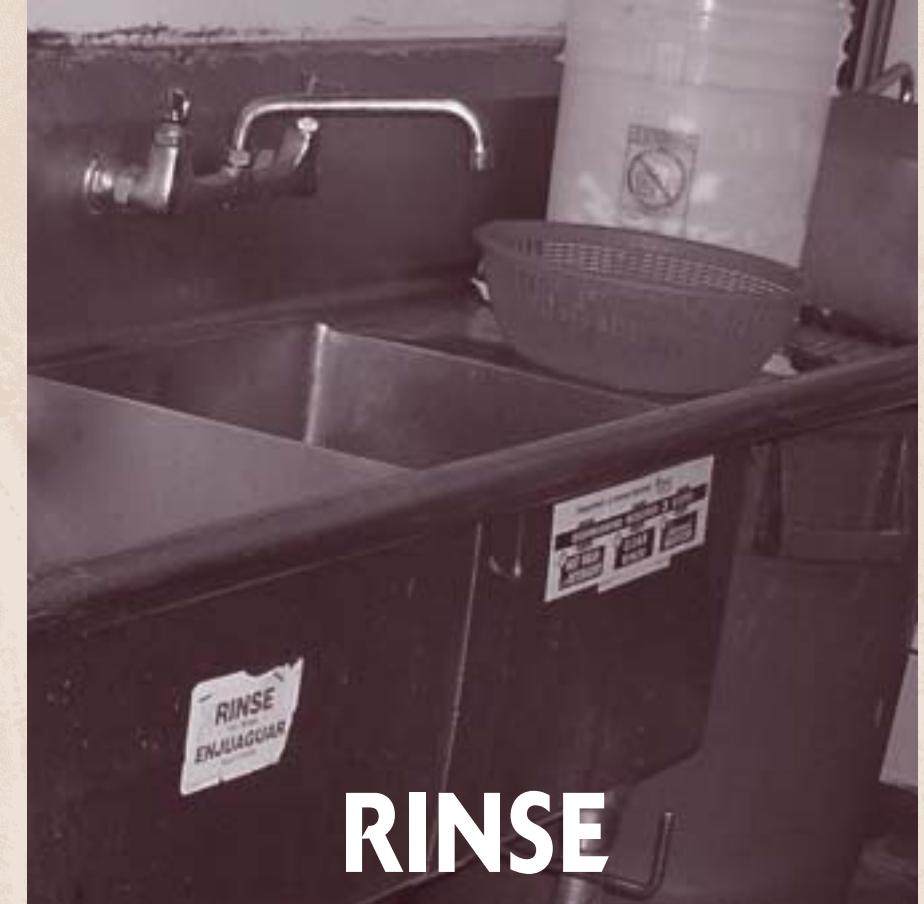
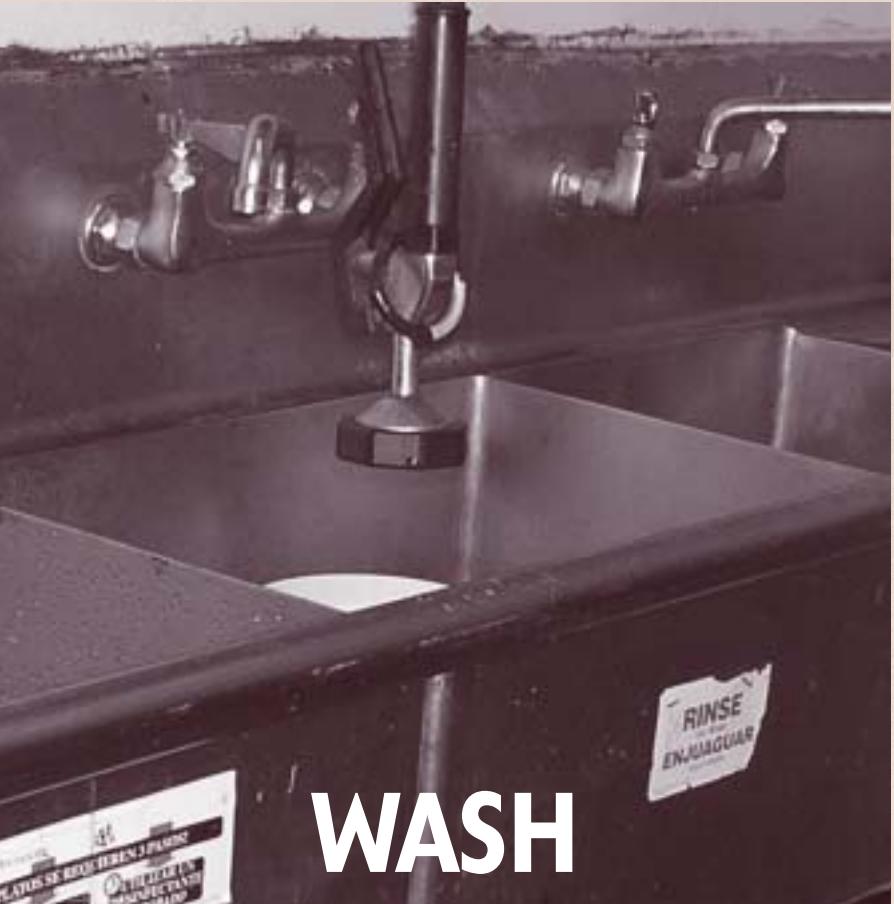
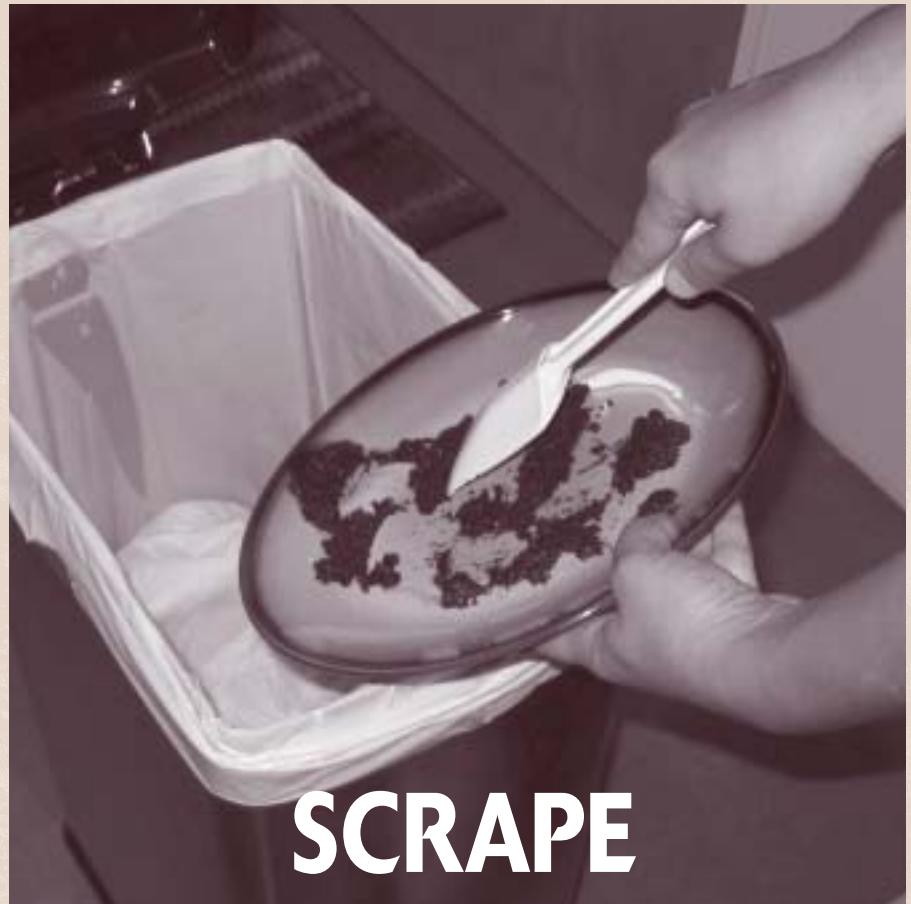
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# Trap the Grease in the Kitchen



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# TIPS FOR FOOD WORKERS



## Washing Dishes by Hand:

The first THREE steps are very important in preventing grease from entering sewer lines:

- 1) **SCRAPE** food scraps from dishes into trash cans
- 2) **WASH** with soap to remove oil and grease from dishes, pans and fryers
- 3) **RINSE** with clean, hot water to remove any soap or food
- 4) **SANITIZE**
- 5) **AIR DRY**

\* If using a dishwasher, remember to always scrape and/or pre-rinse before loading the dishes.

## Tackle the Grease:

- Put oil and grease in covered collection containers. Never pour oil or grease down the drain.
- Clean grease traps at least weekly. If grease traps are more than 50 percent full after one week, increase the cleaning frequency.
- Use environmentally safe cleaning products instead of harsh detergents or cleaners that can damage sewer lines.
- Reuse or recycle your used oil and grease. To find a recycler, check the phone book under "recyclers" or "rendering companies."

## Avoid These Common Mistakes:

- Don't pour oil and grease down the drain
- Don't put food scraps down the drain
- Don't pre-rinse off oil and grease with hot water