

### Stormwater tip – January 2017

Never pour kitchen grease down the drain. Grease hardens against the inside of the pipes that carry sewage waste from your home, making the diameter of the pipe smaller. This can then cause sewage to get stuck in the pipes and then either backup into your house or spill out onto the street. If sewage goes onto the street, it is often carried to the storm drains when it rains. This ultimately means that raw sewage flows along our streets to nearby creeks and rivers. This situation is dangerous for member of the community and local wildlife. If you have grease left over from cooking, let the grease cool down until it hardens. Then you can put the grease in your regular trash. Be sure to wipe the grease from frying pans and cooking utensils before you put them in the sink to rinse or wash them.