

## Protect Your Home and Sanitary System! A How-to guide for proper Fats, Oils and Grease disposal

Fall weather and the holidays are right around the corner and with it, comes more comfort food cooking. Families may not be gathering in the normal large, extended groups this season, but as families stay at home and are cooking more, there could be more impact on the sanitary sewer system. A few simple steps will help prevent smelly, messy and costly back-ups during the most wonderful time of the year.

First, know the culprits. Butter, heavy cream sauces, meat juices, lard, dips, salad dressing, and even peanut butter all contain heavy fat content. When poured down the drain, these items coagulate and stick to pipes.

Second, know the proper disposal of FOG. Whether liquid or semi-solid, FOG items should be dry wiped into the trash with a scraper or spatula. Hot liquids should be left to cool, or poured into a sturdy container to cool, before placing in the trash.

Third, know what's true or false. True or false? Mixing dish soap with hot water breaks down the grease poured into the sink as it moves through the disposal. FALSE! Liquid FOG eventually turns back into a solid in the pipes, causing constriction and over time, limiting the diameter in which substances have to "flow" through the pipe. Ultimately, the opening narrows to the point of clogging the pipe and creating a back-up.

The bottom line? When in doubt, throw it out! It's much safer than risking clogged pipes! Want more information and tips? Go to [www.stoptheclog.com](http://www.stoptheclog.com).



Jack Scroggs, Construction Manager and Hugh Logan, General Manager, pose with dedication plaque



Operators, Left to Right: Josh Ftacek, Shane Tate, Kelson Parker, Josh Weatherby and Jessie Smith

## Dedication Ceremony at the Wastewater Treatment Plant

The District held a dedication ceremony during its regular Board Meeting on October 8th to commemorate completion of the updated wastewater treatment plant.

## A Message from Hugh Logan

Hello San Andreas! As we enter the last two months of 2020, all's we can say is it's been a wild ride! Despite all of the uncertainties of the world around us, the District has stayed focused right here at the wastewater treatment plant. We've done good work and we are pleased to have our recently improved wastewater treatment plant up and running better than ever.

We are thankful for our staff members who makes sure plant operations run in a safe, efficient and reliable manner. And we are thankful for our customers and our San Andreas community.

Our team will be here to serve you during the normal business hours. For emergencies after hours, including holidays, please call (209) 754-3281. We look forward to serving you in 2021! Stay tuned for news about improvement projects, including the pipeline replacement project scheduled for the new year.

## Hey Parents!

Need a fun, educational activity to do while your kids are home? SASD has a coloring book available on our website at <http://sasanitary.org/our-community/kids-corner/>. This booklet helps to educate kids about our most precious natural resource, water! We also have the coloring book and other materials available in our office. Stop by, say hi and pick up some fun materials!

