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Sewage system overflows – we often hear about these occurring, releasing untreated sewage into local waterways. Many factors can cause sewage overflows: infiltration of rainwater into the pipes, broken pipes, blockages. One of the biggest causes of blockages, particularly in the Mobile Area Water and Sewer System (MAWSS), come from the improper disposal of cooking grease.

When you dispose of grease by pouring it down the drain, the hot liquid grease travels into sewer pipes, eventually solidifying and causing blockages. MAWSS is working with area restaurants to implement proper grease maintenance, reducing grease inputs from these establishments. And now MAWSS has a way for you to properly dispose of household cooking grease.

By participating in the “It’s Easy to be Ungreasy” program, you can pick up an empty grease recycling container at many locations around Mobile. Empty your cooled liquid grease into the plastic container. When its full, simply return the container to one of the recycling locations and pick up another empty container. It’s free, easy, and convenient.

MAWSS offer several recycling locations: the MAWSS main and west offices, the Keep Mobile Beautiful Recycling Center, and several Greer’s Food Tiger locations. Visit [www.itseasytobeungreasy.com](http://www.itseasytobeungreasy.com) to view all the recycling locations.

By recycling your cooking grease, you are taking an easy step that will help protect our local waters from pollution.