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## **DON'T LET THANKSGIVING TURN INTO A PAIN IN THE DRAIN**

### *Glendale Water Services Not In My Drain! Campaign Helps Residents Prevent Clogged Drains*

**Glendale, Ariz.** — Don't let this Thanksgiving holiday turn into a royal pain in the drain. Glendale's Water Services reminds residents of a few simple rules to avoid costly plumbing problems with their Not In My Drain! campaign.

The public information campaign helps citizens prevent sanitary sewer clogs during Thanksgiving, and year round, to save themselves and the city the trouble and expense of repairing pipes that are clogged. When fats, oils, and grease from daily kitchen use are poured into drains, it can solidify in pipes and cause costly sewer blockages and overflows. This can potentially damage homes, cause raw sewage to backup into city streets, threaten public health, and cause damage to the environment. Starting with Thanksgiving and continuing through the holiday season when kitchen activities reach their peak, the situation can become severe. Avoid ruining your festivities with an emergency call to clear a clogged drain. The easiest way to solve the problem of grease blockage is to keep grease out of the drains in the first place.

Glendale's Water Services produced a Not In My Drain! Brochure highlighting five steps to protect against clogged drains.

- DO NOT put grease down garbage disposals.
- Scrape food scraps into a can or trash for disposal. Put baskets or strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids. Empty the drain baskets or strainers into the trash.
- For small amounts of oil or grease pre-wipe pots and pans prior to washing them by using paper towels to soak it up. Then dispose in the trash.
- For amounts ranging from a cup to a pint, pour the grease or oil into a container and freeze it. Put the frozen grease into the trash the day your trash is collected. Try to use a non-recyclable container if possible. If you have none available, a tin or steel can will work.
- For moderate amounts, from a pint to a gallon, use cat litter to solidify the grease or oil. Put the cat litter in a double-lined plastic bag and pour the grease into the bag. Be sure there is no free liquid before tying the bag shut.

For more information on the Not In My Drain! campaign; visit Glendale's Water Services webpage at [www.glendaleaz.com/utilities](http://www.glendaleaz.com/utilities).

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