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The following report is to inform the residents of an incident that occurred on August 19, 2010 in the Ashton Village Phases I & II subdivision. Several homes experienced raw sewage back-up in their homes. It was discovered that a large plug of grease measuring 6' to 8' was obstructing the flow in the sewer main located approximately 150' to 200' from the lift station at the corner of Jameson Street and Dowling Avenue. Within 2 ½ hours of the initial call the grease was removed, the line was cleaned and flow was restored. This problem is an example of the destruction grease in the sanitary lines can cause. Grease not only can plug main lines but effect lateral lines, lift station pumps and controls as well. Grease comes from meat fats, cooking oil, butter/margarine, food scraps, baking goods, sauces and dairy products. Many people feel that running hot water down the drain, or putting these things down a garbage disposal, will remove the grease when in fact, this simply sends the grease further down the system, resulting in costly repairs and problems for the village as well as residents in the area.

The proper way to dispose of grease is to wipe out any cooking pots and pans before washing. Also, you can freeze grease or mix it with any absorbent material like coffee grounds or cat litter and dispose of it with your normal trash. Any amounts larger than one gallon should be taken to a proper disposal site such as a land fill.

I hope this letter helped explain what the situation was, how it was resolved and what we can do to prevent this from happening in the future. More information on this topic, as well as other utility information, can be found at ashvilleohio.gov under "village departments". If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact the Village of Ashville office.

Sincerely,

Jim Welsh

Utilities Superintendent

"It is a place people will want to live, and businesses will want to locate."