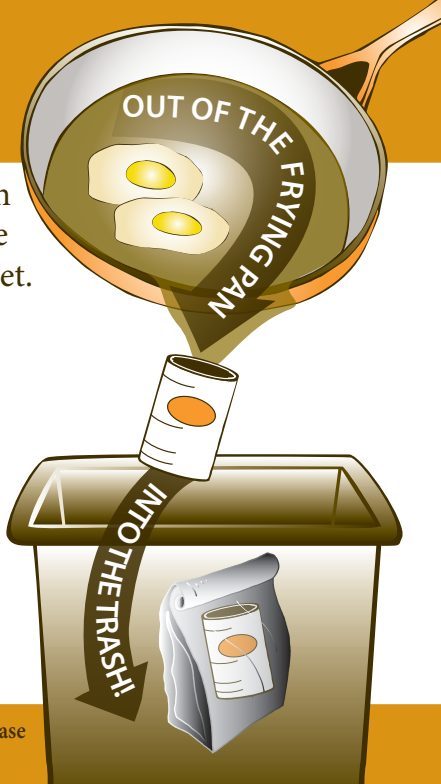
Grease goes in the garbage

If grease, fats, oils or gravy go down your sink or garbage disposal, they can stick to the inside of your plumbing and City sewer pipes. The result can be messy and unpleasant, causing expensive backups into your home and street.

What should you do?

- **Put excess grease and cooking oil in a leftover food container (such as a tin can). Seal the container in a plastic bag and put it in the garbage.**
- **Wipe pots and dishes with a used napkin or paper towel.**
- **Put meat or meat trimmings in your food/yard waste or garbage.**

Large amounts of cooking oil, such as from deep-fat fryers, can be recycled for no additional charge at the City's Household Hazardous Waste Facility, located at the Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center (formerly Tacoma Landfill), 3510 S. Mullen St., 98409.



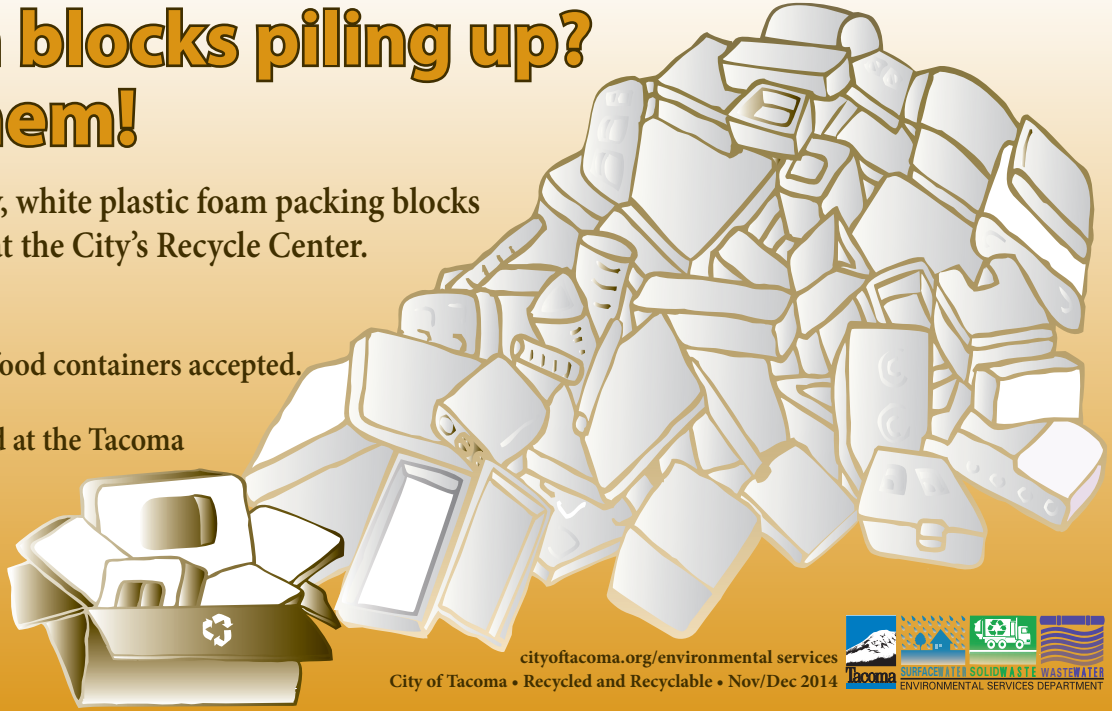
Cooking oil disposal: (253) 591-5418 cityoftacoma.org/hazwaste **Sewer backups: (253) 591-5585 cityoftacoma.org/grease**

Styrofoam blocks piling up? Recycle them!

You can recycle clean, dry, white plastic foam packing blocks (#6 polystyrene) for free at the City's Recycle Center. Businesses included.

Please remove any tape. No food containers accepted.

The Recycle Center is located at the Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center (formerly Tacoma Landfill), 3510 S. Mullen St., 98409.



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Recycle your old TVs, electronics for free

If you have old TVs, computers, monitors and tablets you no longer want, recycle them for free at E-Cycle Washington locations. Tacoma locations include the Goodwill donation station at the City's Recycle Center. It's located at the Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center (formerly Tacoma Landfill), 3510 S. Mullen St., 98409.

- Find E-Cycle Washington locations: ecyclewashington.org, 1-800-RECYCLE
- Find recyclers of electronics not accepted by E-Cycle Washington: takeitbacknetwork.org (electronics may be accepted for a fee)

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Start a new holiday tradition this year: Celebrate with less waste

Help the planet and reduce the amount of garbage in your household.

Take reusable bags when you go shopping.

Cut old holiday cards to use as gift tags or to create new holiday cards.

Use recyclable or reusable wrapping materials.

Try maps, jars, pillowcases, dish towels, posters or newspapers.

Buy gifts that are made with recyclable content and use less packaging.

Give experiences instead of stuff. Consider tickets to movies, the zoo, dance lessons or other activities.

Use reusable plates, cups, utensils and napkins for guests.

Give homemade treats packed in reusable or recyclable containers.

See **TacomaRecycles.org** to learn what you can recycle curbside and at the Recycle Center at the Tacoma Recovery & Transfer Center (formerly Tacoma landfill), 3510 S. Mullen St., 98409.

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