

THE Pipeline

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The American Rescue Plan Act



The American Rescue Plan Act (“ARPA” or the “Plan”) is an economic stimulus bill that was signed into law in March 2021. ARPA’s main goal was to help facilitate economic recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic. A portion of the Plan was focused on providing state and local governments resources to fight the pandemic, maintain vital public services, and make investments that support long-term growth and opportunity. Arapahoe County received ARPA funds to address a multitude of gaps created by the pandemic, one of which is investing in vital water and sewer infrastructure. Over the course of several months of vetting and study sessions, the Arapahoe County Board of County Commissioners approved grant funding for several ACWWA Capital Improvement Plan Projects. One of these projects, ACWWA’s Valley Country Club Lift Station Improvement Project, is set to wrap up by the end of 2023 and will receive grant funds from Arapahoe County totaling \$500,000 to offset a portion of the costs. The improvement project will ensure reliable wastewater services to a significant portion of ACWWA’s customers.

ACWWA Gives Back to its Community



Centennial's Adopt a Street Program, formerly Arapahoe County Adopt a Roadway Program, began approximately 14 years ago. Several stretches of road in unincorporated Arapahoe County were deemed safe and appropriate for regular volunteer litter clean-ups. The City fosters a safe and effective cleanup by providing each group with first-aid kits, safety vests and collection bags. City Public Works crews handle picking up and disposing of collected trash.



ACWWA began its participation in this program in 2018 and has continued its participation through 2023. Our stretch of roadway is a 2-mile section of East Broncos Parkway between Chambers Road and Jordan Road. A group of ACWWA employees spent a morning in October picking up trash. We are committed to these cleanups in the spring and the fall of each year.

FOG

Fats, Oils, and Grease

NO FOG, NO CLOG!

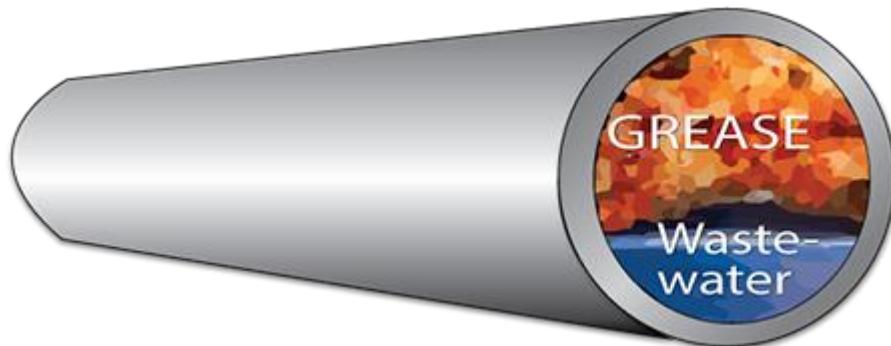
Help keep our sewers clear

Why on earth would a water and wastewater authority be writing an article about FOG? We're not talking about the cloudlike mass of minute water droplets, we're talking about Fats, Oil and Grease! FOG includes animal and vegetable fats as well as oils used to cook and prepare foods that can severely damage the sanitary sewer system. When poured down the drain, FOG can buildup in pipes and cause major damage to the pipes and lead to sewage back-ups in your home or business.

What can you do?



Pour used grease and cooking oil into a lidded coffee can or other disposable container and once full, place it in the trash.



Use garbage disposal as little as possible; they can fill up with grease too quickly. Use strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids and empty the strainer contents into the trash. Also, wipe grease out of pots, pans, and plates with a paper towel prior to washing. This helps prevent grease build-up in your sewer lateral and sewer lines.

Let's all get on board by educating ourselves about FOG and ensuring we keep our sanitary sewer system clean and flowing smoothly.



Partnering for the Holidays ~

Neighbors Helping Neighbors

For fifteen consecutive years, the employees of ACWWA have participated in Arapahoe County's Partnering for the Holidays Program. This program serves families in need, specifically children and adults who have been victims of abuse and neglect or are experiencing financial hardship. Volunteers from ACWWA donated cash, which was used to purchase gift cards, which were then delivered to the Arapahoe County "Holiday Store." In early December, qualified recipients can browse through the donated gifts and gift cards, helping to make their holiday a bit brighter. This program gives ACWWA employees a chance to connect with their community at this special time of year!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

from ACWWA