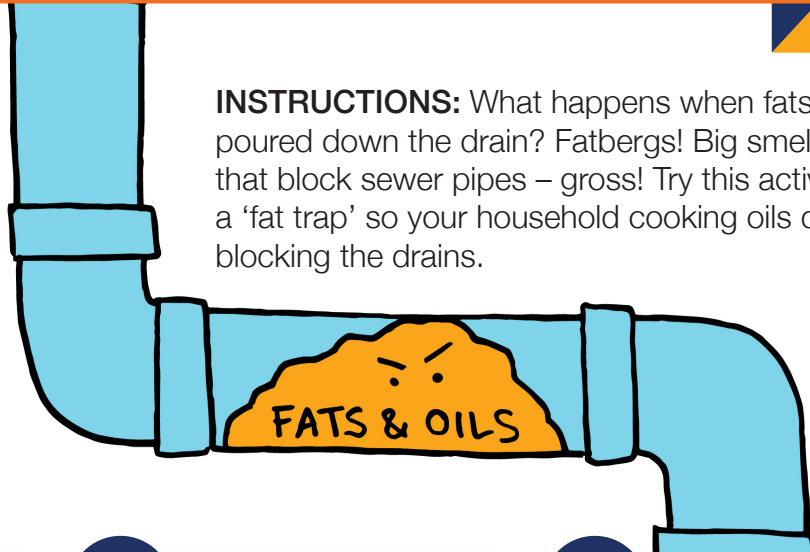


Forge a Fat Trap

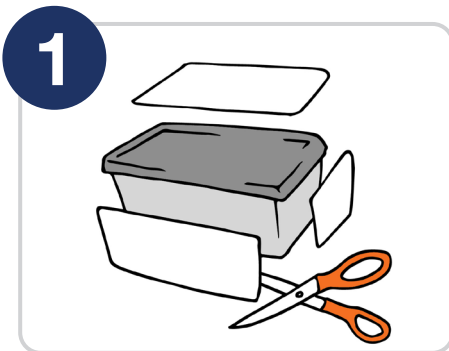
What you need

- An empty margarine tub or other sealable used food packaging
- Scrap paper
- Colouring pens or pencils
- Sticky tape

INSTRUCTIONS: What happens when fats and oils are poured down the drain? Fatbergs! Big smelly masses that block sewer pipes – gross! Try this activity to make a ‘fat trap’ so your household cooking oils don’t end up blocking the drains.



What to do



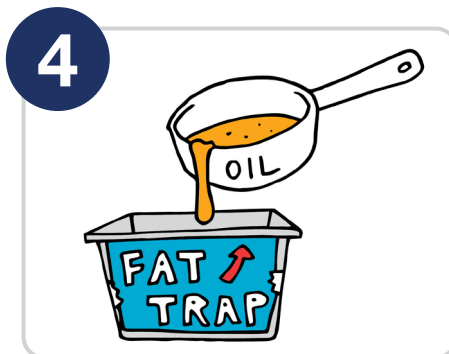
Carefully cut pieces of scrap paper to fit each side and top of the tub.



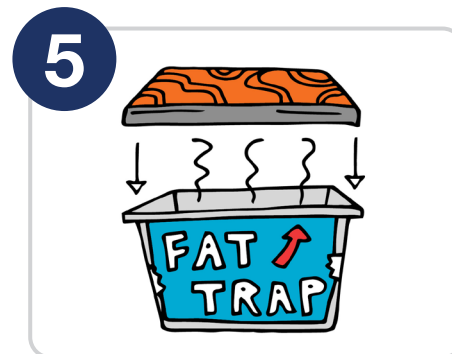
Use scrap paper to create a label that says ‘fat trap’. Use the other pieces of paper to get creative and draw on designs using your colouring pens and pencils.



Tape your designs to the tub and remember to let everyone in your house know how to use it.



Anytime there is oil leftover from cooking, let it cool down and pour it into the fat trap - make sure you do this safely with help from a grown up!



Put the lid on to trap any yucky smells - make sure it's on tight so it doesn't spill.



When the tub is full, throw it in the bin and save the oil from going down the drain!



How it works

Fats and oils don't mix with water, so when they go down the drain, they stick to the sides! When combined with other things that shouldn't be flushed - like wet wipes and nappies - it causes fatbergs. The largest fatberg ever found weighed the same as 13 elephants!

