

# CITY OF WAMEGO

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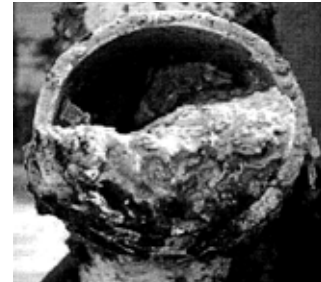
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## GET TO KNOW “FOG” – THE ENEMY OF YOUR SEWER!

FOG stands for Fats, Oils and Grease. To be more specific, FOG can be butter, cooking oil, grease, lard, margarine, meat scraps or shortening. When dumped down the drain FOG coats your sewer lateral pipe and the City’s sewer main. Eventually, the buildup can seriously reduce the capacity of the sewers and may even cause a backup into homes and businesses. What to do? First, understand that the place for FOG is with the trash, not the drain or garbage disposal. Keep a can for grease, allowing it to cool before throwing it in the trash. Wipe out pans with a paper towel before washing. Oil should be mixed with an absorbent material such as kitty litter or coffee grounds in a sealable container (no larger than ½ gallon) before throwing it in the trash. Also, you can keep drains clean by pouring ½ cup of baking soda down the drain followed by ½ cup of white vinegar. Wait 10 to 15 minutes and then rinse with hot water.

Businesses should periodically inspect grease traps or check into hiring a grease collection company. Also, use of dish soap in dishwashing operations should be minimized. Dish soap emulsifies FOG, enabling it to pass through a grease interceptor. It will later coagulate in sewer lines.



These precautions are a bit inconvenient, but when you think about it-- they sure beat the alternative!

Also (since we’re on the subject of sewers) please remember that disposable wipes are banned from the Wamego sewer system. Disposable wipes belong in the trash, not the toilet!

## PRIMARY ELECTION COMING UP SOON

The primary election in Kansas will be Tuesday, August 7th. All Wamego City and Township residents vote at the United Methodist Church at 600 Lincoln Ave. Polls will open at 7:00 AM and close at 7:00 PM. Residents who have applied to receive advance voting ballots may submit them at any polling place on election day or at the Pottawatomie County Election Office, 207 N First St., Westmoreland, KS 66549. If mailed, they must be for receipt by the County on or before August 10th. Another option is early voting at the County Election Office, from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM on weekdays, except for Monday, August 6th when voting ends at Noon. Also, the Election Office will be open Saturday, August 4th from 8:00 AM to Noon.



## ARE YOU A CIVIC MINDED PERSON?

The City of Wamego has a five person City Commission, consisting of elected citizens, but there are many other civic minded residents who participate in City government by serving as an appointee on a City board or committee. Although a bit more behind the scenes, these bodies are nevertheless essential for the efficient operation of your City. They frame decisions on many aspects of community life. Here is a list of the various City committees and the number of non-staff members on each:

Airport Board (5), Recreation Advisory Board (5), Construction Board of Appeals (9), Library Board (7), Hospital Board (7), Housing Authority (5), Planning Commission (7), Board of Zoning Appeals (5).

Membership restrictions apply to some boards, and some positions are open to non-City residents, but all positions are appointed by the Wamego City Commission. If you are interested, please apply at the Wamego City Office, 430 Lincoln Ave., phone: 456-9119. Even if a position is not open at the current time, you will be considered for future openings.

## THE TOTOS ARE NOW AROUND TOWN!

Look around and you will see that the Totos are here! Fifteen to be exact. These Toto figures were decorated by local artists and were installed in July all around Wamego, by Construction, Inc., upon limestone pedestals furnished by Higgins Stone. This completes the Wamego Convention and Visitor's Bureau public art project. Maps showing locations, and identifying the artists and sponsoring businesses can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce office – 529 Lincoln Ave., and the Wamego City Office- 430 Lincoln Ave. They are also posted on the Visit Wamego website. Try to visit each one. Also, the Totos love having their picture taken— don't disappoint them!



Toto "guarding" the Wamego City Office- 430 Lincoln Ave.

## TIPS FOR THE COOLING SEASON

Make sure your home's air conditioning will keep you cooled comfortably during the hot months, without driving up your utility bills. Here are some steps you can take to keep your air conditioner in good working order and prevent problems throughout the cooling season:

First, remember to shut off power to your unit before you begin do-it-yourself projects:

- Remove debris and trim foliage at least two feet around the outside unit. When you mow, aim grass clippings away.
- Clean the condenser coils on your outside unit by gently washing down with the garden hose. Even a thin film of dirt inhibits air movement through the coils and makes your air conditioner work harder.
- Clean the coils on your indoor unit. Dirt can prevent coils from collecting heat. Clean coils inside and out reduce the unit's electricity use.

- Keep all windows and doors to the outside closed.
- Don't cool unoccupied rooms. If you have registers, don't close more than half of them—restricting air flow too much can cause your unit to malfunction.
- If you have a ceiling fan, set the thermostat higher—you will still be comfortable. Keep the fan on low speed when humid.
- When you're not at home, set your thermostat to 78 F or higher. Setting the thermostat lower cools a warm room colder, not faster, and it uses more energy to do it.
- Keep lamps, televisions and other electronics away from a room unit's thermostat. The thermostat can sense their heat, which may cause the air conditioner to run longer than necessary.
- Consider calling in a professional air conditioning maintenance contractor to tune up your system before the cooling season. A tuneup will maximize your comfort in the summer, help your air conditioner to last longer and run better, and save on monthly energy bills.

Adapted from "The Tip Sheet" by Western Area Power Administration, Energy Services.

## LATE SUMMER/EARLY FALL RECREATION

Here is a list of Wamego Recreation activities as we round out the summer and head into fall:



Activity	Age	Deadline
Lil' Tykes Soccer-	3-5 years old	Until Full
Youth Volleyball Clinic-	1st & 2nd grade	Until Full
Flag Football-	1st - 4th grade	Aug. 24th
Youth Volleyball-	3rd - 6th grade	Aug. 24th
Co-Rec Softball-	18+	Aug. 18th
Men's Softball-	18+	Aug. 18th
Co-Rec Volleyball-	18+	Sept. 28th

Register online at:

<https://apm.activecommunities.com/wamegorecreation/home>

OR

In person at the Wamego City Office, 430 Lincoln Ave.  
Mon- Fri. 8am - 4:30pm

