

WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

Sewer systems face problems when trash and debris accumulate in pipes or in pumping stations. Your toilet is the most common way that trash and debris enter the sewer system. Sewer back-ups create major inconveniences for residents, while costing taxpayers millions of dollars each year to compensate affected homeowners and fix damaged sewer pipes.

DO YOUR PART

Place a wastebasket in each of your bathrooms and dispose of bathroom trash responsibly, NOT by flushing it down the toilet.

HELP US STOP THE FOG

Fats, oils, and grease often come from leftovers related to food preparation, packaged foods, and food scraps, and should NEVER be put down the sink or drain. They also cause some of the most expensive and time-consuming issues with our local sewer system. These "FOG" materials stick to the inside of sewer pipes that end up restricting flow in these pipes. This results in sewer backups and overflows – not only in our streets but on residential property. The next time you're cooking with grease, follow these three simple steps to help us stop the FOG!



COOL IT.

Let grease sit after cooking until it is cool and safe to handle.



CAN IT.

Transfer grease to a disposable container, like an aluminum food can.



TRASH IT.

Put grease into a trash bag and your garbage cart for normal collection.



REQUEST YOUR FREE REUSABLE "CAN THE GREASE" LID

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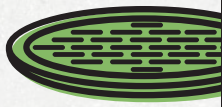


WHAT'S GOOD

FOR YOUR SEWER SYSTEM?



A SEWER SYSTEM THAT WORKS IS GOOD FOR YOUR HOME, YOUR WALLET, AND THE ENVIRONMENT



A SEWER SYSTEM THAT BREAKS COSTS YOU MONEY, TIME, AND IS UNSIGHTLY AND UNSANITARY

WHAT'S BAD




YOU PAY FOR IT, SO TAKE CARE OF IT

Local communities throughout the U.S. spend millions annually on sewer back-ups related to fats, oils, and greases, and other harmful substances that cause major issues for homeowners.

WHAT'S GOOD

FOR YOUR DRAIN OR TOILET?



WATER-BASED LIQUIDS AND SMALL FOOD SCRAPS IN THE GARBAGE DISPOSAL



PEE, POOP, AND TOILET PAPER







WHAT'S BAD

FATS, OILS, AND GREASE (FOG) ARE THE #1 CAUSE OF SEWER BACKUPS

THE FOLLOWING ARE JUST SOME OF THE MATERIALS THAT SHOULD NEVER GO DOWN YOUR DRAIN OR TOILET:

FOG

-  BAKING/COOKING GREASE
-  OIL-BASED SAUCES/DRESSINGS AND MAYONNAISE
-  BUTTER, LARD, CAKE FROSTING, AND ICE CREAM
-  FOOD SCRAPS

OTHER PRODUCTS

-  "FLUSHABLE" WIPES
-  FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS
-  COTTON BALLS/SWABS
-  MEDICATION
-  CIGARETTE BUTTS
-  HAIR OR COSMETICS
-  LATEX OR RUBBER
-  BANDAGES AND BANDAGE WRAPPINGS
-  PAPER TOWELS AND NAPKINS
-  PAINT, SOLVENTS, SEALANTS, AND THINNERS

