

Keep **FATS,** **OILS** and **GREASE** out of your drain

Fats, oils and grease that go down your sink, toilet or garbage disposal can stick to the inside of your kitchen drain and City sewer pipes. This damage can cause expensive sewer backups.



WHAT CAN HAPPEN?

- Unpleasant, messy, expensive sewer backups into your home.
- City sewers back up and overflow into yards, streets or parks, creating a public health hazard.
- Sewer overflows reach the stormwater system, flowing into waterways untreated and harming the environment.

FLUSHABLE? THINK AGAIN.

Many items marketed as disposable and/or flushable do not degrade like toilet paper, and they wind up clogging pipes, tangling pumps and causing messy sewer backups into streets, businesses and homes.

What NOT to flush:

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| ■ Fats, oils and grease | ■ Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, etc. | ■ Dental floss | ■ Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms | ■ Plastic wrappers or packaging |
| ■ Swiffer products | ■ Vitamins, or other pharmaceuticals | ■ Napkins, paper towels (paper/cloth) | ■ Wash cloths, towels, rags (any cloth item) | ■ Q-Tips |
| ■ Facial tissue | | ■ Diapers (cloth, disposable, "flushable") | | |
| ■ Toilet bowl scrub pads | | | | |



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Collect excess grease and cooking oil from plates or pans and put it in a leftover milk, juice or food container (such as a tin can or plastic tub). Then seal it in a plastic bag and put it in the garbage.
- Wipe pots and dishes with a used paper towel or napkin to remove any oil and grease.
- Put greasy food or fat trimmings in the trash, not down the garbage disposal.
- Avoid purchasing "flushable" items. Clean with a sponge or rag that you can reuse.
- Compost your food waste.

For more information about Fats, Oils and Grease, please call 253.856.5500.