

Fats, Oils and Grease Education & Wipes Disposal Education



The Cliffside Sanitary District Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Program is designed to minimize grease discharged into the sanitary sewer collection system. An increasingly common cause for sanitary sewer overflows is sewer pipes blocked by grease. Grease gets into the sewer from household drains as well as from poorly maintained grease traps in food service establishments. Sewer overflows and backups can cause health hazards, damage home/business interiors and threaten the environment.

Grease is a byproduct of cooking from meat fats, lard, oils, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, baked goods, sauces and dairy products. When washed down the sink, grease sticks to the insides of sewer pipes (both on your property and under the street). Over time, it can build up and

block entire portions of your home or business plumbing system.

The easiest way to solve the grease problem is to keep fats, oils and grease out of the sewer system by:

- Never pour grease down sink drains
- Scrape grease and food scraps from plates, pots, pans, utensils into a can or trash for disposal
- Do not pour grease down garbage disposals
- Use strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and empty in the trash for disposal
- Do not flush grease with hot water; this just moves the problem further down the line

IMPORTANT NOTICE - Wipes Clog Pipes and Pumps!



Even if they say “flushable,” disposable wipes will clog pipes

Prevent costly backups and place wipes in trash

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Many household products are labeled and marketed as disposable; many baby hygiene products are labeled both disposable and flushable. And while these products may be marketed as a convenience item in this way, the truth is that these household wipes and cleaning towelettes have the ability to clog and stop up not only the sewer line on your property, but also can cause blockage and service problems in the public sewer system and pump stations. Unlike toilet paper, these products don't break down once they are flushed. They can cause blockages in your on-site sewer, especially older pipelines that may have greases, roots, or other obstructions already existing.

A repair of the on-site sewer line can leave the home owner or business owner with a nasty repair bill. On a larger scale, when these products make their way into the public sewer system they collect together and cause clogs in the main collector lines and get tangled in pump stations requiring repair or replacement of equipment.

What we all can do to help... The following items should never be flushed into the sewer system:

- Disinfecting wipes, Baby wipes.
- Q-tips.
- Toilet cleaning pads.
- Mop or “Swiffer” type refills.
- Paper towels.
- Disposable diapers.
- Feminine hygiene products.
- Moist towelettes.
- Any consumer item that is not toilet paper.

Every home and business has a sewer connection to the public sewer system. This connection runs from the home or business to the sewer main where it is connected to the public sewer system. This on-site sewer line is the responsibility of the home or business owner to keep clear so there are no back-ups of wastewater into the home or business. Save yourself and your Sewer Utility from costly repairs and/or replacement bills. Do not flush the listed items; place them in the trash, not the toilet.