

# Protect Your Pipes and Your Wallet!

## BE CAREFUL WHAT GOES DOWN THE DRAIN

Baby wipes, dental floss, salad dressing and bacon grease. What do they all have in common?

These items can block your pipes if you put them down the sink or toilet.

Blocked pipes are big trouble. They can burst or back up, leading to costly flooding in your home or business.

Further down the line, items like wipes and grease can clog sewers and cause toxic sewage overflows into streets and the natural environment.

They can also damage local wastewater infrastructure, and your water rates may go up to cover repairs.

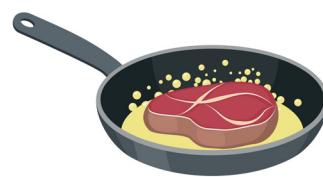


## FATS, OILS & GREASE

Also known as FOG, fats, oils and grease are a major cause of pipe blockages. Some examples of FOG are:

- » Meat fat
- » Butter, margarine
- » Sandwich spreads
- » Salad Dressings
- » Cooking oils
- » Milk, cream
- » Sauces, gravies

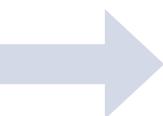
**TIP:** After cooking, allow FOG to cool and harden in pans. Or pour liquid FOG into a heat-safe container such as a tin can to cool and harden. Then scrape hardened FOG into the green bin or garbage, as directed by your municipality. Use paper



towels to wipe up excess FOG.

### The 3 Ps

The only things that go down the toilet are Pee, Poo and (toilet) Paper. No exceptions. No dental floss, facial tissue, condoms, feminine hygiene products, cotton swabs or cat litter. Not even baby wipes – just because something says it's flushable doesn't mean it is.



Some cooking oils don't harden. But they still stick to pipes. Small amounts can be absorbed in the green bin or garbage. Check with your municipality about how to dispose of larger amounts.

If you have any questions, please contact your municipality.

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