



## PROTECT YOUR HOME AND THE ENVIRONMENT!

Sewer overflows and backups can cause health hazards, damage home interiors and threaten the environment. Helping to prevent sewer overflows and backups is easy!

### F.O.G. - Fats. Oils. Grease.

#### Not just bad for your arteries & waistlines.

A byproduct of cooking, grease comes from meat fats, lard, oil, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, baking goods, sauces, and dairy products. When washed down the sink, grease sticks to the insides of sewer pipes on your property and in the streets. Over time, it can build up and block the entire pipe.

#### The Results:

- Raw sewage overflowing in your home or your neighbor's home
- An expensive and unpleasant cleanup that often must be paid for by you, the home or business owner
- Raw sewage overflowing into parks, yards and streets
- Potential contact with disease causing organisms
- An increase in operation and maintenance costs for local sewer departments, which causes higher sewer bills for customers

#### What You Can Do:

- Never pour grease down sink drains or into toilets
- Scrape grease and food scraps into a can or the trash for disposal for recycling (where available)
- Put baskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids and empty them into the trash
- Talk to your friends and neighbors about how to keep grease out of sewers



## Maintaining Household Grinder Pump Systems

A household pump system, also known as a grinder pump system, is a mini sewage pumping station with one pump for individual houses. They are used where gravity sewer lines cannot be used. The single pump sits inside an underground tank and pumps wastewater produced in your home into the sewer line.

A properly maintained pump system should be able to handle typical wastewater from your kitchen, bathrooms or laundry.



Disposable wipes, towels and rags have grown in popularity and availability over the last few years. Unfortunately, when improperly disposed, these products can become lodged in sewer pipes and pumps!

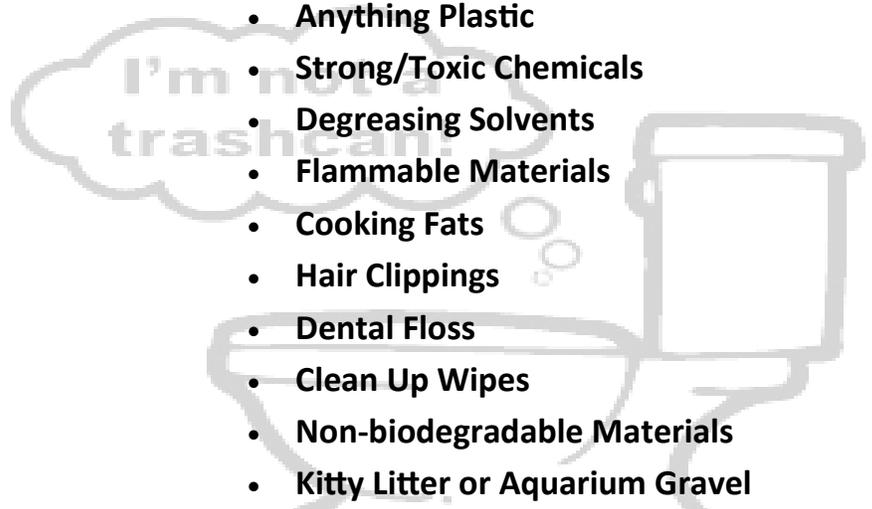


### What Not to Flush

Help us protect you and the environment by properly using the sanitary system. Only human waste and toilet paper should be flushed. Everything else should be disposed of in the trash. Also unused medications should be returned to pharmacy for safe disposal.

- **Glass, Metal, Wood, Paper**
- **Seafood Shells**
- **Cloth, Rags, Disposable Diapers**
- **Towels**
- **Cotton Balls/Swabs**
- **Dryer Lint**
- **Syringes/Needles**
- **Disposable Razors/Blades**
- **Feminine Hygiene Products**

- **Anything Plastic**
- **Strong/Toxic Chemicals**
- **Degreasing Solvents**
- **Flammable Materials**
- **Cooking Fats**
- **Hair Clippings**
- **Dental Floss**
- **Clean Up Wipes**
- **Non-biodegradable Materials**
- **Kitty Litter or Aquarium Gravel**



### Notes:

- Your Pump will not operate under a power failure but has a small holding capacity. Water use should be minimized until power is restored.
- If there is a pump system failure, the tank will become too full and an alarm will sound.