

# 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.

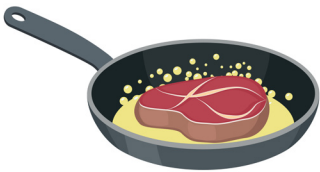


## FATS, OILS & GREASE

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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