



## Wipes Clog Pipes

Even if the label says “flushable,” disposable wipes will clog the sewer system. It can take weeks or even months before they disintegrate, so they begin to accumulate in drain pipes, leading to a bigger and bigger clog that forms.

Unfortunately, most people who flush them fail to realize this until it’s too late and require the services of a plumber. The best method of disposal is to simply toss them into a trash can. You will save yourself a large repair bill, as well as the inconvenience that goes with a clogged toilet and drain.

## Join Us

The two biggest causes of sewer clogs are “flushable” wipes and FOG (Fats, Oils and Grease).

These clogs lead to sewer backups and sanitary sewer overflows. The good news is that they are preventable. All it takes is a few small changes in your daily routine to help keep pipes free flowing.

Please team with Union County Water in taking steps to protect our sewer system, homes and environment.

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## Stop The Clogs

Help Us Prevent Blocked Pipes and Sewer Backups



## FOG Do's



Do keep grease out of the wash water. Scrape excess out or wipe with a paper towel.



Do place food scraps in the garbage.



Do put oil and grease in collection containers and dispose of in the trash.

## FOG Dont's



Don't use the drain as a means of disposing of food scraps.



Don't put oily, greasy foods down the garbage disposal.



Don't pour fat, oil and grease down the drain. Flushing it with hot water doesn't help.

## Don't Clog With FOG

When FOG (Fats, Oils and Grease) go down the drain, sewers back up.

FOG cools and hardens, clinging to pipe walls. Over time it builds up and leads to blockages in the system lines. These blockages prevent the normal flow of wastewater and eventually cause overflows, resulting in damage to homes, businesses and the environment.

Instead of pouring FOG down the drain, pour it into a collection container. After it cools, toss it in the trash.

## FOG Facts

- 1. US EPA shows that 65% of all sewer spills are caused by FOG.**
- 2. The majority of FOG-related sewer backups and spills originate in residential areas.**
- 3. Clogged sewer pipes can be expensive and inconvenient if the sewer system backs up on your property.**



## FOG FAQs

### Q. What is FOG?

A. Fats, oils and grease from food preparation, packaged foods and food scraps.

### Q. Where does it come from?

A. Meat fats and juices, lard, cooking oil, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, baking goods, olive oil, dressing, sauces and dairy products.

### Q. Why shouldn't FOG go down the drain?

A. Fats, oils and grease stick to the insides of sewer pipes when washed down the kitchen plumbing system. This solidifies and can block pipes. Clogged pipes cause sewer backups and sewage spills on residential property and on the street.

### Q. How does it affect me?

A. Improper FOG disposal leads to costly sewer backups and overflows, increased sewer rates, public health and environmental hazards as it washes down storm drains and into water ways and creeks.