

# Wastewater

## Things you should not put in the sewer

What you put down your drain or flush down your toilet can negatively impact the environment. Disposable does not mean flushable!

### Grease/Cooking Oil

Never pour grease down the sink drain or toilet. Grease cannot be broken down effectively during the wastewater treatment process. Just like a steady diet of greasy food can clog your arteries, grease flushed down the pipes blocks sewers.

Grease clings to pipes and builds up over time. Cold weather solidifies grease. Blocked sewage (sewer backup) can surge up through sinks, floor drains and toilets and make for a very, very messy clean-up.



### How to Dispose of Grease Properly

Pour grease into a container. Freeze it and throw it in the garbage.

Before washing dishes, scrape hardened grease into the garbage. Additives claiming to reduce grease may only pass grease further into the pipe.

### Other Items NOT to Flush Down the Toilet or Pour Down the Drain

Items listed below cause major issues with sewer reticulation systems and pump stations. These items lead to blockages and system failures which result in costly repairs for Council and the community.

- Sanitary items
- Sticks
- Rags
- Paper towels
- Nappies
- Glass, metal, wood
- Hair clippings
- Plastic objects
- Hygienic wipes
- Household hazardous waste

**And remember, disposable does not mean flushable!**