

YOU CAN HELP PREVENT SEWER BACK-UPS!

The majority of sewer back-ups into a home is from the improper disposal of waste into toilets and drains.

The Following items should **NOT** be discarded into toilets or drains:

Fats, oils or grease from cooking; solid food particles; diapers; wipes; feminine hygiene products, or; paper towels. These items do not break down in the sewer pipes and will cause back-ups into homes. The improper disposal of these items will create serious maintenance and health issues for the homeowner and also for the public wastewater collection and treatment systems.

When fats, oils or grease are poured down a sink, these products **will solidify** once they have cooled down in the sewer pipes and **will cause a blockage**. If you think that running hot water in the sink will help disperse this matter, you're wrong! Hot water may get this matter out of your sink drain, but as soon as the water cools down, these products will solidify in your sewer pipes. This build-up will restrict flow and accumulate in the pipes, where in combination with other materials that shouldn't be flushed, will cause sewerage to back up into your home and often cause blockages in the main sewer system located in the street.

Residents should be aware that some products are labeled as "Flushable", or are assumed to be. A vast majority of these products do not break down in the same manner as toilet paper and create problems in households and the Secaucus collection systems, pumping stations and wastewater treatment facilities.

TOILETS, PLUMBING AND SEWERS ARE DESIGNED FOR HUMAN WASTE AND TOILET PAPER ONLY.



This an 8 inch sanitary sewer main blocked solid by grease, wipes and rags. The replacement of this section of sewer cost \$9,500.00.



This is a 6 inch house sewer. Over 90% of this lateral was blocked by grease accumulation. This caused a back-up in the residence and cost \$3,800.00 to repair.