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WATER & WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

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What Not to Flush

When you use your toilet, shower, washing machine or dishwasher, wastewater leaves your home through pipes that connect to the Town sewer system or your on-site septic system.

Many materials frequently flushed or poured down the drain can harm the pipes that connect to Town sewers as well as the Town sewer system and your own on-site septic disposal system. Every property owner connected to the Town sewer system can be a potential contributor to sewer problems, and a potential victim of those problems.

Putting the wrong things down the drain can damage the sewer system, cause sewer backups in your home, and sewer releases to the environment. Anyone who uses the Town sewer system should be responsible for what they flush or pour down drains.

Don't Flush This

Basically, the only thing you should ever flush down a toilet is human waste (urine and feces) and toilet paper. Here is a list of some of things to keep out of the toilet.

- Disposable diapers
- Tampons and applicators
- Cotton balls and swabs
- Mini or maxi pads
- Unused medications - For information regarding the safe disposal of prescription drugs visit the FDA's Website at:

http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/BuyingUsingMedicineSafely/EnsuringSafeUseofMedicine/SafeDisposalofMedicines/default.htm

- Condoms
- Cleaning wipes of any kind
- Facial tissue
- Bandages and bandage wrappings

Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG)

Grease in sewer pipes causes sewer maintenance problems for property owners and the Town. Never pour grease in your sink drain and try to use your garbage disposal less. For more information on how to prevent fats, oils and grease from damaging the sewer system, please give us a call or go to the Town of Milton Website at http://www.milton.govoffice2.com/ .

Proper Method to Dispose of Grease!

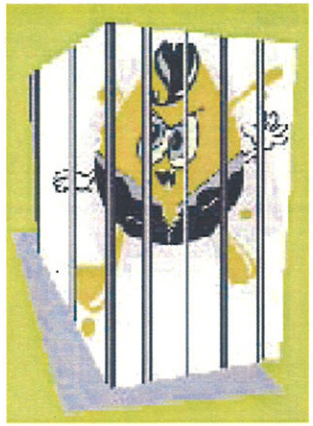
DO

- Use an old coffee can or jar as a grease container.
- Pour greasy or oily food wastes into the container, NOT down the drain or garbage disposal.
- Allow animal fats to cool or freeze in the container before throwing them in the trash.
- Mix liquid vegetable fats with an absorbent material such as kitty litter or coffee grounds in a sealable container before throwing in the trash .

DO NOT

- Pour grease or oil down drains or garbage disposals.
- Use hot water to rinse grease from cookware, utensils, dishes or surfaces use paper towels first.
- Put food scraps down drains.

Grease! The Leading Cause of Sewer Blockages!



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KEEP THE GOBLIN BEHIND BARS

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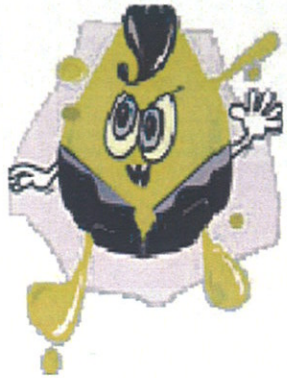
THE GREASE GOBLIN



Public Enemy #1

WHEN GREASE GOES DOWN THE DRAIN, SEWAGE BACKS UP

Over time, kitchen grease, fats, and oil , that are poured down the drain or garbage disposal will enter the sewer system and clog pipes as the grease solidifies. These pipe blockages can send wastewater backwards and out of manholes onto our streets and into our waterways or lead to plumbing backups on private property.

Left unattended, these foul-smelling overflows can cause public or private property damage, or environmental problems. In extreme cases, overflows can lead to public health and safety hazards.

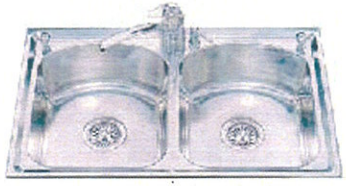
GREASE CLOGS PIPES

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT IS EVERYONE'S ROLE

The Water and Wastewater Division exist to provide efficient and timely sanitary sewer collection service to residential, commercial and industrial customers while building the integrity of our system to enhance water quality and protect the environment for future generations.

Our goal is to reduce sewer spills through system maintenance and education. Grease is the number one cause of system blockages. Spills will not be eliminated unless the amount of grease that is placed in the system is reduced.

NEVER POUR GREASE DOWN ANY DRAIN



BUSINESSES CAN HELP LIMIT GREASE BUILD-UP

Milton's Wastewater Ordinance stipulates how all users should dispose of fats, oils and grease. The Water & Wastewater Division may visit restaurants, food preparation establishments and other businesses to evaluate their grease control measures. Restaurant owners and other food preparation establishments must have adequate grease control measures., as well as commercial and industrial establishments that regularly may generate oily waste.

PROPER METHODS FOR DISPOSING OF OIL & GREASE IN RESTAURANTS AND FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS

- Put cool oil and grease in collection containers.
- Remove oil and grease from kitchen utensils, pot, pans and food preparation areas with scrapers, towels, or brooms.
- Keep grease out of wash water.
- Place food scraps in collection containers.

CLOGS CAUSE SEWER BACKUPS

PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT FROM HOME

Household kitchen drains are a major source of fats, oils and grease. Grease related overflows come from apartments and homes throughout our community. Remember that grease blockages can cause wastewater to overflow inside homes and damage property.

PROPER METHODS FOR DISPOSING OF OIL AND GREASE IN YOUR HOME

- Use an old coffee can or jar as a grease collector.
- Pour greasy or oily food waste into the container, **NOT** down the drain or garbage disposal.
- Freeze or cool animal fats before disposal in the trash.
- Mix liquid vegetable fats with an absorbent material such as kitty litter or coffee grounds in a sealable container before disposing in the trash.

ALLOW GREASE TO COOL & DISCARD IT IN THE TRASH