



City of Battle Ground
 Public Works Department
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**TIPS TO PROTECT
 YOUR PLUMBING
 &
 SEWER SYSTEM**

The City of Battle Ground's guide of dos and don'ts that will help ensure a long life for both your personal, as well as the public, wastewater collection system.

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GREASE AND FOOD



DON'T pour grease down sinks or toilets

DO pour grease into an empty can, cover, and freeze. Once can is full and frozen dispose of it in your garbage can.



DO scrape leftover food in the garbage can.

DON'T use your garbage disposal unless absolutely necessary.

FACT

Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) blocking sewer pipes is a serious maintenance problem for both the City and you. When grease washes down the sink, it sticks inside sewer pipes. This buildup restricts water flow, causing raw sewage to backup in your home or over flow into streets or steams. This could potentially jeopardize public and environmental health.

In addition, high levels of FOG may inhibit the proper functioning of pump stations and wastewater treatment plants, limiting the availability of this vital service.

INSIDE THE HOME



What **NOT** to flush

Diapers

Baby Wipes

Sanitary Napkins

All Grease

Food

Tea Bags



Coffee Grounds

Flammable Substances

Pool or Spa Products

Kitty Litter

Egg Shells

Cigarettes



Toxic Chemicals

Bath and Body Oils

Large Amounts of Hair

FACTS

Some people assume baby wipes, sanitary napkins and other household items are gone forever, once they have been flushed. The truth is they're not. Items such as these, after time, turn into a grayish pulp that can wrap around a pump. Each occurrence requires a two person crew two hours to accomplish. A lot of the time crews are called out after hours to clear the pipes. These are additional costs that impact all customers.

DISPOSAL TIPS

A lot of products have a recommended method of disposal listed right on the package. If you are ever unsure of an item is safe to dispose of in the drain or toilet call us (360) 342-5350, or just throw it in the garbage can.

Most recycling companies accept used motor oil. Simply pour the motor oil in a one gallon milk jug, seal, wipe the outside clean, and place it next to your recycling bins on pick up day. Call your recycling company to see if they offer this service.

Repair leaky plumbing fixtures. A leaky toilet can waste up to 2,000 gallons of water in a single day.

OUTSIDE THE HOME



DON'T dig without knowing the location of your sewer system.

DON'T connect rain gutters, storm drains, or sump pumps to the sewer system.

DON'T dump RV waste into your sewer collection system. Take it to an authorized RV dump site.



CONTACT US

We Welcome Your Comments!
Informed consumers are our best allies in maintaining the City's sewer system. If you would like more information or have questions regarding your sewer system please contact us:

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