

AVOID COSTLY AND UNPLEASANT CLEANUP

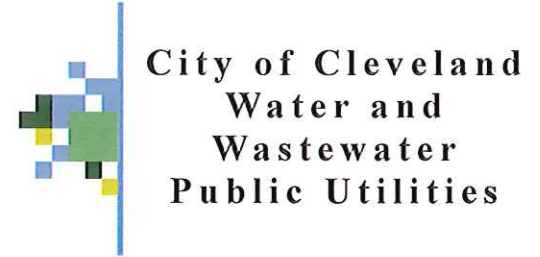
Sewer overflows and backups can cause damage to homes, are health hazards, and threaten the environment. By taking a few preventive measures, you can decrease your odds of having raw sewage backup in your home which is an expensive and unpleasant experience. It will also help your municipal sewer department keep maintenance costs and sewer bills down.



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DON'T LET A
SEWER BACKUP
RUIN YOUR DAY



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SOME THINGS ARE NOT MEANT TO GO DOWN THE DRAIN

The majority of sewer backups can be avoided for both **YOU** and your **NEIGHBORS**.

It used to be the only issue with clogged drains was F.O.G.—fats, oils, and grease.

There are some things that people put down the drain in their homes or businesses that will always cause problems. Some of those items are: grease, oil, and fats from cooking, diapers, women's hygiene items, baby wipes, cleaning wipes, and rags to name a few.

There are some people that have even flushed clothing. What is that all about?? These items will not dissolve and will get stuck in your drain pipes or the city sewer main. If it does not dissolve in water, it will not dissolve in the sewer system. Even grease solidifies after being washed down the drain.

When in doubt, put the item in a plastic bag and dispose of it in your household trashcan.



WHERE DOES THE GREASE COME FROM?

Most of us know that grease is a by-product of cooking. Grease is found in such things as:

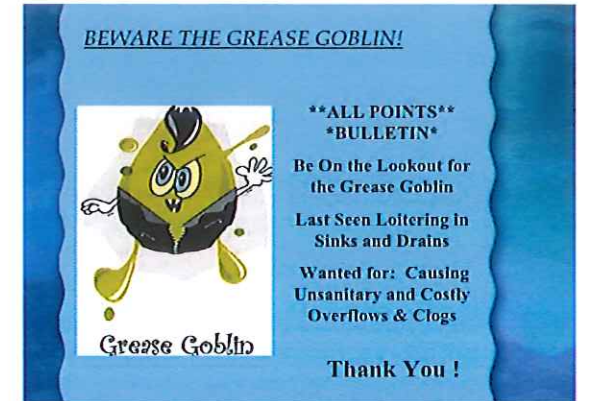


- Meat fats
- Lard & Shortening
- Food Scraps
- Cooking Oil
- Butter & Margarine
- Dairy Products

Grease is usually washed into the plumbing system through the kitchen sink/ this grease will solidify and stick to the inside of the sewer pipe in your sewer service or in the city mains. In time the grease will build up and block the pipe. Home garbage disposals do not keep grease out of the plumbing system.



Detergents that claim to dissolve grease only help pass grease further down the line and cause problems in other areas.



WANTED—YOUR DRAIN'S WORST ENEMY

WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP?

The easiest way to help alleviate the potential for sewer backups is follow a few simple tips:

- Scrape food scraps and grease from pots, pans, utensils, plates, and cooking surfaces into the trash for disposal.
- **NEVER** pour grease down a garbage disposal or drain.
- **NEVER** flush anything down the toilet that will not dissolve or breakup in water.

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