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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

PLEASE READ TO AVOID COSTLY REPAIRS OF ON-SITE SEWER LINES.

**Fats, Oils & Grease:** When food is cooked, prepared, or served, fats, oils and grease cover the utensils, cookware, and dishes it comes into contact with. As it is washed down the drain, it cools, solidifies, and adheres to sewer pipe walls. Over time, deposits of fats, oils, and grease build up and eventually block flow through pipes. Such unsanitary conditions are dangerous to public health and the environment and are very expensive to correct.

Baby and adult personal hygiene products, along with household wipes and changing towelettes, are labeled both disposable and flushable. While these products may be marketed as a convenience item, the reality is these items can clog and stop up not only the sewer line on your property but can also cause blockage and service problems in the public sewer system and pump stations.

Unlike toilet paper, these products **DO NOT** break down once flushed. They can cause blockages in your on-site sewer, especially older pipelines, which may have existing grease, roots, or other obstructions. The repair of on-site sewer lines can be very costly for property owners.

On a larger scale, when these products make their way into the public sewer system they combine, causing exceptionally large obstructions and clogs in the main collector lines which then get tangled in pump stations, requiring repair or replacement of equipment.

### How We Can All Help...

**Pour fat, oil, and grease into a grease can or other heat resistant container with a lid and place in trash can once it has cooled.**

### **NEVER flush these items into the sewer system:**

- Disinfecting/surface wipes
- Baby wipes
- Jewelry wipes
- Cosmetic wipes
- Disposable diapers/liners
- Cotton swabs
- Toilet cleaning pads
- Mop/Swiffer type refills
- Paper towels
- Petcare wipes
- First aid wipes
- Feminine hygiene wipes
- ANY moist type towelettes

### **SIMPLY: DO NOT FLUSH ANY CONSUMER ITEM THAT IS NOT TOILET PAPER**

Every home and business have a sewer connection to the public sewer system. This connection runs from the home or business to the sewer main and connects to the public sewer system. This on-site sewer line is the responsibility of the home or business owner to keep clear, so there are no backups of wastewater into the home or business. Save yourself and your Sewer Utility Department from the costly repairs and/or replacement bills. **DO NOT FLUSH THE LISTED ITEMS; PLACE THEM IN THE TRASH, NOT THE TOILET.**

Thank you for taking the time to read this and helping to keep our sewer lines free and clear! Should you have any questions, please reach out to us by calling 850-835-4544

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