

Many foods contain fats, oils and grease that builds up over time in sewer pipes and can cause clogs that overflow into your home or neighborhood. Avoid putting bacon grease, butter and meat scraps down your kitchen drain. Instead, **Can it, Scrape it, Trash it,** to dispose of your cooking fats, oils

and grease.



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Users guide to preventing a sewer clog



<u>Does "Flushable"</u> <u>really mean</u> <u>flushable?</u>

While it's true that wipes are a great way to practice better hygiene, they aren't ideal for being flushed down the toilet. Unlike toilet paper, wipes are not specifically designed to break down and dissolve in water. The materials they are made of help to yield a durable product, but they do not break down very easily when exposed to water. These wipes will often clump together with hardened cooking grease to form a massive blockage that could cause sewage to overflow into streams and back up into basements.

In larger municipalities, this problem is being battled by installing heavyduty grinders that shred wipes and other debris before they reach the pumps on the way to the treatment plant.

A small municipality like the Village of Almond cannot afford such machinery. We rely on users like you!

It's a Toilet, Not a Trash Can!

Never flush the following items (or put down the garbage disposal or drain). Toss them in the trash instead.

- Baby/Facial/Cleaning Wipes
- Tampons
- Sanitary Napkins
- Medication
- Hair
- Dental Floss
- Cotton Swabs/Balls
- Bandages
- Rags and Towels
- Rubber Items (like latex gloves)
- · Fat, Cooking Oil, Grease



- Clothing Labels
- Candy/Food Wrappers
- Syringes
- Cigarette Butts
- Disposable Toilet Brushes
- Kitty Litter
- Aquarium Gravel
- Plastic Items
- Diapers
- Fruit Stickers
- Paper Towels

Only Flush the 3 P's - Pee, Poop and (toilet) Paper