



Borough of Lincoln Park

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What Not to Put in the Sewer

“Disposable” does not mean “Flushable”!

Cloth-like material is continuing to be found as the cause of blockages in our sewer system. The material could be anything from shop towels to any kind of wipes.

Residents are reminded that if a product claims to be “*disposable*”, it does not mean it is “*flushable*”. Product packaging clearly indicates disposal into a trashcan. Many materials potentially flushed or poured down the drain can harm the pipes that connect to our sewers, the sewers themselves, as well as the treatment plant, eventually harming the environment.

Grease is a major problem for our system. It will coat the sewer walls and eventually cause a clog and back up. In addition, the treatment plant does not degrade grease very well. Instead, please pour grease into a container, let it solidify, and throw it into the trash.

Grease

- **Never pour grease down the sink drain or toilet!** Grease cannot be broken down effectively during the wastewater treatment process. Just like a steady diet of greasy food can clog your arteries, grease flushed down the pipes blocks sewers.
- Grease clings to pipes and builds up over time.
- Cold weather solidifies grease.
- Blocked sewage (sewer backup) can surge up through sinks, floor drains and toilets and make for a very, very messy cleanup.

How to Dispose of Grease Properly

- Pour grease into a container. Freeze it and throw it in the garbage.
- Before washing dishes, scrape hardened grease into the garbage.
- Additives claiming to reduce grease may only pass grease further into the pipe.

Other Items NOT to flush down the Toilet or Pour down the Drain

- Sticks
- Rags
- Paper towels
- Sanitary napkins
- Diapers
- Household Hazardous Waste: For disposal of Oil base paints, Gasoline, Thinners, Solvents, Anti-Freeze, Pool Chemicals and any other Hazardous Materials.