



Grease Blockage Prevention

Preventing grease-related sewer blockages and overflows benefits your home, your pocketbook and the environment. Approximately 80 percent of grease-related sewer blockages and overflows occur in residential areas.

- ✖ **Fats, Oils & Grease (FOG) should NEVER be poured down the sink. Sink drains and garbage disposals are not designed to properly handle these materials.**
- ✖ **Before washing, scrape and dry wipe pots, pans and dishes with paper towels and dispose of materials in the trash.**
- ✖ **Pour FOG after it has cooled into a container, such as an empty glass jar or coffee can. Once the container is full, secure the lid and place it in the trash. For large volumes, contact your local agency for recycling options.**
- ✖ **Use sink strainers to catch food items, then empty the strainer into the trash.**
- ✖ **FOG coats pipelines similar to the way fatty foods clog human arteries. The grease clings to the inside of the pipe, eventually causing complete blockage.**
- ✖ **Don't empty waste from a deep fryer down the drain.**

Sewer Ordinance Alert:

**No Property Owner shall discharge the following into the Sanitary Sewer:
Sump Pumps, Floor Drains, Storm Water, Roof Gutters, Ground Water**

PLEASE.... Do not flush baby wipes, cleaning wipes or any type of wipes down your drains. Wipes are not biodegradable and will cause sewer backups.



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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY

Sewer and Lateral Maintenance Information

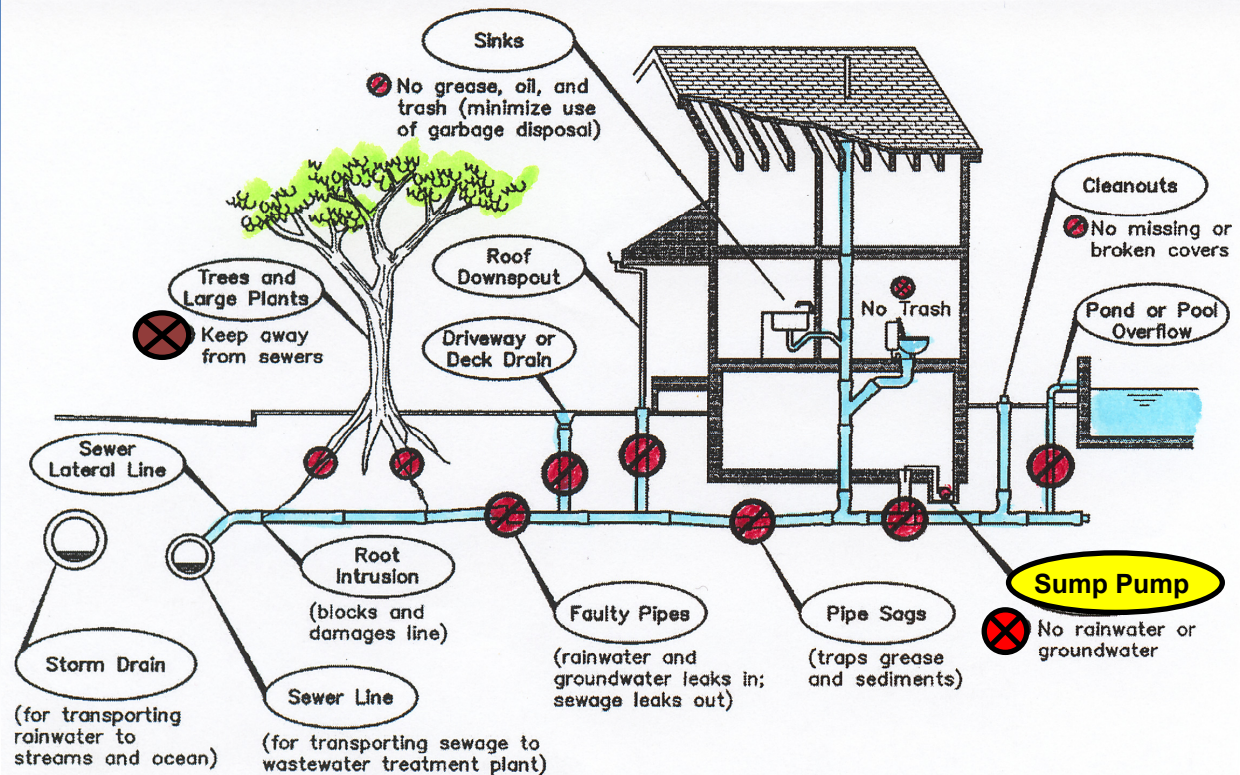


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NOT DOWN MY DRAIN ! ! !

- ✖ **Fats, Oils and Grease**
- ✖ **Baby Wipes and Diapers**
- ✖ **Sump Pump Discharge**
- ✖ **Paper Towels/Napkins**
- ✖ **Cleaning Wipes**
- ✖ **Household Cleaners**
- ✖ **Feminine Products**
- ✖ **Paints and Stains**
- ✖ **Coffee Grounds**
- ✖ **Motor Oil, Auto Fluids**
- ✖ **Meat & Poultry Bones**
- ✖ **Medicines, Needles**
- ✖ **Egg Shells, Fruit Pits**
- ✖ **Lawn Care Products**



Help Prevent Sewage Spills!

Keep grease, trash, rainwater and roots out of our sewer system!!

Sump Pump Removal Program

In the spring of 2015, the WPCA completed the Draft Phase 1 Wastewater Facilities Plan and will soon be initiating work on the Phase 2 Wastewater Facilities Plan. One of the elements of the Phase 2 Facilities Plan is to undertake internal building inspections of the buildings in Sewer District 1 serving the Village area to locate sump pumps connected to the sanitary sewer. This is the first step in a program to remove these illegal sources of rainwater and groundwater from the town's sanitary sewer system. More information will be provided by the WPCA on this program in the near future.

If You Have a Sewer Back-up?

If you do have a sewer backup at any time. . . Please call the WPCA 24/7 Emergency #'s: (203) 438-8615 or (877) 908-3426.

What Can You Do To Help?

The sewer system is provided to collect wastewater from homes and businesses and was not sized to convey rainwater and groundwater. If your home or business has any of the sources of rainwater or groundwater shown in the drawing above connected to the sewer system, these connections are in fact illegal and must be disconnected. Basement sump pumps in particular can contribute large amounts of clean water to the sewer system. If your sump pump is connected to the sewer system, it must be disconnected from the sewer system and redirected to an alternate discharge location. If you do disconnect your sump pump, please contact the WPCA so that we are aware it has been removed. If you are unsure if your sump pump is connected to the sewer, or if you have any other questions about the sewer system or sump pumps, please contact us at (203) 431-2734 and we will assist you.