

# Reduce Sewer Clogs and Overflows

Properly dispose of Fats, Cooking Oils, Grease

Build-up of fats, oils and grease, including cooking oils, sandwich spreads, salad dressing, meat fat and similar products, will eventually cause sewer lines to clog. These blockages can cause the sewer to overflow into your neighborhood, streets, streams, and even your home. Follow these steps to prevent blockages:

**DO NOT** allow fats, cooking oils and grease to go down the sink or disposal. Allow them to cool, then pour into a container, secure with lid and place in the trash.

**DO** soak up remaining oils and grease with an absorbent material such as paper towels and throw into your **trash** before washing dishes.



**DO** use sink strainers to catch food items and empty the strainer in the **trash**.

**DO** scrape leftover food into the **trash**.

For additional information, please contact the City of Arlington, Water Resource Services, 817-459-5902.



**Residents:** dispose of used cooking oil and Household Hazardous Waste for free at the Environmental Collection Center at 6400 Bridge St, Fort Worth, TX or bring them to a monthly HHW collection event in Arlington. Visit [www.arlington-tx.gov/recycle](http://www.arlington-tx.gov/recycle) for more information.

# Non-Flushable Items



The toilet is not a trash can. Many items marketed as disposable or flushable do not degrade like toilet paper. They end up clogging pipes, tangling pumps, and causing messy sewer

backups into streets, businesses, and homes.

## **DO NOT flush:**

- Wipes of any type
- Paper towels
- Pharmaceuticals
- Diapers
- Flushable cleaning cloths
- Toilet bowl scrub pads
- Swiffer products
- Napkins
- Feminine products, condoms or any non-organic material
- Wash cloths, towels, rags, underwear
- Bandages, cotton swabs, or dental floss

## **Please Remember:**

Only flush human waste and toilet paper.

“Flushable Wipes” are a big problem, causing sewer backups in our community. Even if the package says “flushable,” they should NEVER be flushed.

If it can't be reused, recycled or composted, please place it in the garbage.

