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Sewer main backups and how to prevent them

As we approach the holiday season and festive meals, keep in mind the damage that food, oil and grease can cause on the sewer system. These substances can solidify and build up, with the potential to cause sewer backups. Wipes and other objects also can create sewer backups. Even "flushable" wipes do not dissolve before reaching the sewer main, and can create a backup by clumping. Sewer backups are the worst; let's all do our part to prevent that unwelcome visitor this holiday season.



✓ **DO: SCRAPE FOOD**
INTO TRASH OR COMPOST

DO NOT
DUMP OR RINSE FOOD, OILS OR GREASE DOWN ANY SINK , DRAIN OR TOILET





✓ **DO: USE A FOOD STRAINER**
CATCH FOOD PARTICLES BEFORE THEY ENTER THE DRAIN

DO NOT
FLUSH ANY RAGS, WIPES, TOWELS OR ANYTHING OTHER THAN TOILET PAPER





✓ **DO: BOTTLE USED FLUIDS**
INTO USED JARS, BOTTLES OR CANS AND DISPOSE OF IN AN APPROPRIATE MANNER

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