

Simple steps to keep our water clean, protect public health, and avoid expensive plumbing repairs.

# Clean Pipes are Green Pipes

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Don't flush any types of wipes down the commode, even flushable wipes. Food can cling to them and build up more quickly in wastewater pipes.



Recycle used cooking oil or pour it into a sealable container and place it in the trash. Never pour oil or grease down the drain. If you have a lot of oil, mix it with cat litter a little at a time and pour it in a sealed bag in the trash.

Compost food waste when possible; otherwise, throw scraps in the trash.



Wipe dishes and cookware with a paper towel to remove grease, rather than running water over them. Don't use cloth towels as the grease will end up in the sewer when you wash them.

Place a strainer in the sink drain to catch small pieces of food and eliminate your use of a garbage disposal. Food scraps of any kind can plug your home's wastewater lines.



Never pour cooking oil, pan drippings, gravy, bacon grease, lard, shortening, butter, margarine, salad dressings, mayonnaise, creams, or sauces down the sink or toilet.



Use environmentally safe cleaning products, such as those that have the EPA Safer Choice label, instead of harsh detergents or cleaners that can damage sewer lines.



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