

# Sanitary Sewer System Do's & Don'ts

In an effort to help reduce the occurrences of sewer blockages the following Do's and Don'ts can be used by everyone to control the discharge of fats, oils, grease, and large solids that do not belong in the sewer system and which can help lead to sanitary sewer overflows.

**DO NOT:**



- Pour grease, fats, and oils, from cooking down the drain
- Use the toilet as a wastebasket
- Use the sewer as a means to dispose of food scraps

**DO:**



- Scrape excess grease in a container and dispose of in the garbage
- Place food scraps in waste containers or garbage bags for disposal with solid wastes, or start a compost pile; promote use of scraping ware prior to washing
- Place a wastebasket in the bathroom to dispose of solid wastes. Disposable diapers, condoms, sanitary wipes, and personal hygiene products do not belong in the sewer system
- Promote the concept of the "3 R's": Reduce, Recycle, Reuse
- Encourage neighbors to help keep fats, oils, and grease out of the sewer system
- Contact the Town of Cary Public Works and Utilities Department if you are having problems with sewer line stoppages. [Click here to find out more if you are experiencing sewer line stoppages.](#)

Most sanitary sewer back-ups occur between the house and the Town's sewer main. Costs for clearing a sewer blockage in your home can be expensive. Sewer blockages tend to reoccur in the home if sewer lines are not properly cleaned and when improper sewer discharges occur.