

# Department of Public Works Informational Guide

## Sewer Do's And Don'ts



TOILETS ARE NOT TRASHCANS

### SEWER DO'S

- Place liquid fats, oils and grease into a jar or container with a lid and dispose in the trash
- Wipe down greasy pots and pans with a paper towel before washing
- Place a wastebasket in the bathroom to dispose of wastes
- Use a strainer over the drain in the sink, tub and shower
- Use a composter
- Scrape food scraps into the trash
- Ask a plumber about ways to keep your house lines clear
- Report and sewer problems

Call the Village Manager Chris Brown if you are having any trouble or have questions about your sewer line.

Phone: 231-869-8301

Monday thru Friday 8:00am – 4:00pm

### SEWER DON'TS

- Pour fats, oil or grease from cooking down the sink drain
- Pour sour milk down the drain
- Use the toilet as a garbage can
- Use the sewer for food scrap disposal
- Discard food scraps, coffee grounds or eggshells down the sink
- Flush cigarette butts, nail polish remover, pharmaceutical products or other non-biodegradable products down the toilet
- Flush diapers, sanitary napkins, tampons, feminine pads, or surgical bandages
- Dispose of plastics or plastic film from personal hygiene items (facemasks), include disposable diapers
- Pour paint, engine oil, pesticides or chemicals down the sink. Some hazardous materials can corrode the sewer, while others can obscure the treatment process
- Flush commercial grease interceptor with hot water to clear the interceptor in lieu of cleaning and pumping out the interceptor

Dumping in the sewer is illegal and could subject you to a fine. Dumping causes a hazardous threat to the environment and also poses a health threat the maintenance crew working in the sewers.