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DPW Tips for Having a Fatberg-Free Holiday Season!

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Baltimore City Department of Public Works — Thanksgiving Update

Make This a Fatberg-Free Holiday ***Can the Grease, Trash the Wipes***

As we begin to cook festive meals, the Baltimore City Department of Public Works (DPW) reminds citizens to properly dispose of fats, oils and grease (FOG). When FOG-laden water goes down the drain, grease sticks to the sewer pipes. These grease-filled pipes create sewer backups, usually through kitchen and bathroom fixtures.

The holidays are also a great time to be mindful of what's flushed down the toilet. Despite claims to be "flushable," most of the popular wet wipes used for personal hygiene and household cleaning do not break down when flushed.



**Never pour grease
down the kitchen sink!**



Trash it!

Used cooking fats, oils, and grease belong in the trash, not down the drain.

Make sure your FOG goes “from the pan to the can”:

- Pour grease into a can
- Let the grease become solid
- Place the container into the trash

Before you wash pots, pans, and dishes:

- Use a paper towel to wipe away left-over fats, oils, and grease
- Dispose of the FOG-laden material in the garbage
- Scrape left-over food and oil off plates into a storage container

Dish soaps and hot water will cut grease, but only temporarily. The FOG solidifies again in your pipes when the water cools and the soap separates from the grease.

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Toilets Are Not Trashcans!

Keep products such as wipes (baby, disinfectant, makeup, wet, etc.), paper towels, and feminine hygiene products out of the toilet. These items should be placed in the trash, not flushed down toilets.



Other products that should not be flushed include:

- Plastic wrappers, or packaging
- Dental floss
- Toilet bowl scrub pads
- Diapers (cloth, disposable)
- Rags, wash cloths, towels

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