

# Don't Flush

# That!

Only three things should ever be flushed down the toilet: toilet paper, pee, and poo. Not wipes and not paper towels because wipes and paper towels do not break down in water like toilet paper.

Wipes and paper towels are designed to remain intact when wet. Toilet paper is designed to disintegrate in water.

Once flushed, wipes and paper towels can clog your sewer line and the lines, pumps, and other machinery of the citywide sewerage system. A clogged sewer line can cause raw sewage to flow back into your home leading to expensive repairs and cleanup. Clogs in the system can cause backups and overflows that affect entire neighborhoods. They are costly to repair, interrupt service, and can harm the environment.



## Only Flush the *3 P's*

**P**ee • **P**oop • toilet **P**aper

**Clogs cause . . .**

- Sewage backups & overflows
- Service interruptions
- Expensive system & homeowner repairs
- Damage to the environment



# FATBERG

**FATBERG** — a congealed mass of fats, oil, grease, and non biodegradable matter, primarily wipes.

- 2018, Detroit removed a 100-foot long, 11-foot wide, 6-foot tall fatberg
- 2017, London removed a 130-ton fatberg

FOG (fats, oils, and grease) is a leading cause of sewer clogs in wastewater systems. FOG congeals and coats the inside of pipes causing blockages.

Grease and other foodstuffs such as salad dressing, food scraps, gravy, mayonnaise, frosting, ketchup, and dairy products all cause FOG. Rinsing meats, washing dishes, and cleaning food prep areas and cooking equipment also cause FOG.

The amount of FOG created by commercial entities is greater than that of a single-family home. The negative impacts from FOG buildup and sewage overflows from these establishments is also greater on surrounding properties, the environment, and our wastewater system.

To prevent FOG, Titusville requires any establishment that is classified as food service to have an external grease interceptor.

An external grease interceptor is required even if the primary purpose of the property is not food service and/or food is prepared infrequently.

For information on grease interceptors, contact the City of Titusville Water Resources Pretreatment Coordinator at (321) 567-3892.

**External grease interceptor:**  
Outside, underground, multi-compartment tank that separates fats, oils, and grease from wastewater & stores it for disposal

**Hotels, day care centers, grocery stores, church kitchens, delis, & ice cream shops are all required to have an external grease interceptor**

**Know external grease interceptor requirements when renting to food service establishments or changing product offerings**