



**Town of Tyngsborough  
Sewer Department  
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## **Help Us Help You!**

Significant damage to the Municipal Sewer System can be caused by the introduction of several household items and substances, in which case the repair costs are directly passed onto the users... you! We have created this informational guide so that together we can keep your costs down and the system flowing properly. In order to do your part to keep costs down:

### **NEVER:**

- flush any of the items on the Items to Never Flush list

### **ALWAYS:**

- try to decrease garbage disposal use
- scrape grease and food scraps into the trash
- pour grease into steel cans, allow to harden and throw in the trash

## **Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG)**

Fats, oil and grease in sewer pipes can cause **COSTLY** sewer maintenance problems for homeowners, as well as the Town.

The resulting maintenance problems cause an increase in the operation costs of the Tyngsborough Municipal Sewer System which in turn, **will raise your sewer user fees.**

Grease is a byproduct of cooking and comes from meat, lard, oil, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, baking goods, sauces and dairy products.

When grease washes down the sink, it sticks to the insides of the pipes that connect your home or business to the Town's sewer and coats the insides of the Town's sewer pipes.



### **PLEASE ALSO NOTE:**

Discharge of basement *sump pumps* into the Tyngsborough Sewer System is **ILLEGAL**, causing an increase in your sewer user fees. The Sewer Commission has the right to conduct periodic smoke tests to identify violators of this policy and assess penalties of up to **\$5,0000** per violation.

## ***ITEMS TO NEVER FLUSH***

- grease including oil, lard, shortening, butter, margarine
- hair
- disposable diapers or baby wipes
- nursing pads
- tampons or applicators
- cotton balls and swabs
- mini or maxi pads
- unused medications
- syringes
- condoms
- cleaning wipes, including disinfecting wipes, wet floor wipes (ie: **swiffer pads**)
- facial tissue
- paper towels
- bandages and/or wrappings
- dental floss
- kitty litter