

Our Sewer System Needs Your Help:

We are experiencing problems with the build-up of fats, oils and grease (FOGs) in our sewer pump stations. All efforts to reduce FOGs from going down the drain are encouraged.

You can help prevent **costly** and **unsanitary overflows** by following a few simple steps:

- Pour cooking oils and scrape grease into non-recyclable containers and dispose of them in the garbage. **Do not pour FOGs down the drain.**
- **Dry wipe all pots and dishes.** Use a paper towel to remove greasy leftovers from pots and dishes prior to washing in the sink or dishwasher.
- Place a trash basket in the bathroom to dispose of solid waste. **Disposable diapers, personal hygiene products and wipes of any kind (even the "flushable" kind) do not belong in the sewer system.**

Keep things
flowing!

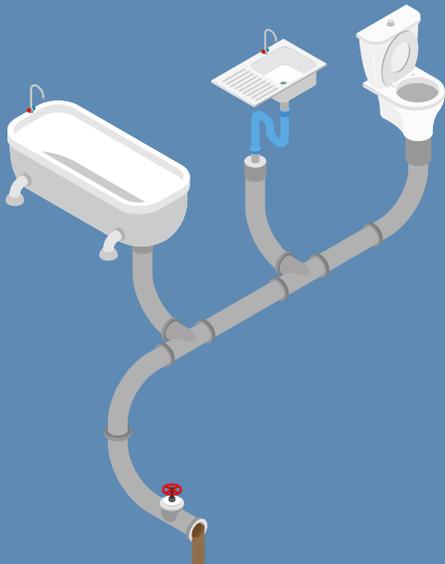
It takes all of us
working together
to help protect
and preserve our
sewer system and
the environment.

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Did you know

Fife has 16 pump stations and over ten miles of sewer lines. All the sewage collected in Fife is pumped to Tacoma's Sewage Treatment Plant.



These items belong in the trash can, not the sewer:



Fats, Oils & Grease

Dispose of these at your nearest FOG recycle center or in a sealed container in the garbage.



Medical Waste & Prescriptions

Including needles, syringes, pills and devices.



Diapers & Wipes

Even wipes marketed as "flushable" or "biodegradable" do not belong in the toilet and take up to 20 years to biodegrade.



Hygiene Products

Such as tampons, pads and condoms clog and damage our pipes and pump stations. **Only toilet paper can be flushed!**

These products are clogging our sewer lines, damaging pumps and filling our pump stations. Not only are these problems expensive to fix, they can also cause raw sewage overflows into homes, businesses and local waterways.



Pictured at left:
1. Crews performing the bi-annual cleaning of a pump station. That's raw sewage! Grease and other FOGs float to the top, creating a thick film that clogs our pipes and pumps.
2. A rag clogging a pump.
3. The inside of a clogged pump.

Fife Public Works Crews work hard to keep our City clean and sewers working efficiently. They unclog pumps numerous times a week, pulling out debris and prohibited items such as baby wipes and rags.