

In the kitchen

Clogged sink drains can ruin your home, too! Keep all sinks in your home clog-free by following these simple steps:

- Fruit and vegetable stickers belong in the trash, not the drain.
- Always place cooled fats, oils and grease into a covered, disposable container and throw it into your solid waste cart. Never pour fats, oils or grease down sink drains or toilets.
- Soak up remaining oils and grease with an absorbent material such as paper towels and throw into your food waste/organics cart.



- Before you wash dishes, place food scraps into your food waste/organics cart.

Recycle up to 15 gallons of Cooking Oil (Turkey Fryer Grease) at Shoreway Environmental Center Recycling, 333 Shoreway Road in San Carlos, 650-802-8355, Monday-Saturday 8:30am-4:00pm. Do not pour down the sink drain, storm drain or sewer.



San Mateo County may accept your Household Hazardous Waste by appointment only

Common household products become "Hazardous Waste" when poured down a drain or flushed down a toilet because they harm our environment and wreak havoc on the District's sewer system. Never dump medications, paint, paint thinner, or cleaning products that have a CAUTION-WARNING-DANGER-POISON label. Instead, visit the San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program website at www.flowstobay.org and click "Community" then select "Too Toxic To Trash" for the location of your nearest recycler and drop-off site! For more information call (650) 363-4718

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ALL DRAINS IN YOUR HOME FLOW INTO THE SAME SEWER PIPE!



Clogged pipes can cause expensive and messy sewer backups and overflows in your home and in your neighborhood. If you notice a serious problem in or near your home, or on a street, call the County of San Mateo at 650-363-4100.

AVOID SEWER BACKUPS AND OVERFLOWS BY KEEPING TRASH OUT OF YOUR TOILET

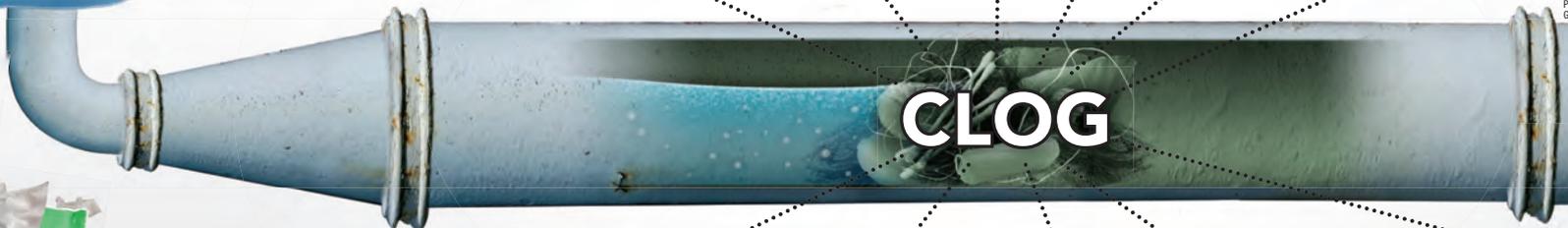


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Did you know?

Cleaning wipes, baby wipes and facial wipes are one of the biggest causes (or contributors) to sewer back-ups in the County of San Mateo Sewer Districts. That's right- even if the package says "flushable" or "disposable", they should NEVER be flushed. They belong in the trash.



Dental Floss



Plastics and food wrappers



Condoms and their wrappers



Hair



Prescription and OTC medications

! Unused prescription drugs and over the counter medicines should be dropped off in confidential containers at Police Departments. www.smchealth.org



Flush ONLY toilet paper. Put trash in the trash can.

For more information please visit our website at www.smcgov.org/sewers or call us at 650-363-4100.