



PREVENTING SEWER BACKUPS & OVERFLOWS

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- **DO NOT FLUSH** or pour into sinks and drains any of the following materials.

<i>Cotton swabs</i>	<i>Baby wipes and disinfecting wipes</i>	<i>Paper towels & Tissue</i>
<i>Syringes</i>	<i>Clothing & Underwear</i>	<i>Diapers, socks, rags or cloth</i>
<i>Glass</i>	<i>Stones, rocks, gravel or concrete</i>	<i>Cleaning sponges</i>
<i>Toys</i>	<i>Candy and other food wrappers</i>	<i>Rubber items such as latex gloves</i>
<i>Metal</i>	<i>Plastic toys, utensils, etc.</i>	<i>Seafood shells</i>
<i>Kitty litter</i>	<i>Sanitary napkins or tampons</i>	<i>Explosives or strong chemicals</i>
<i>Gasoline</i>	<i>Flammable material</i>	<i>Lubricating oil and/or grease</i>

These materials clog sewer lines or may create hazardous chemical reactions. Toilets should be used only for the purpose they were designed for. Flushing anything else will likely result in sewer backups, most likely in your home.

- **Cooking fat (lard, oil, grease)**
 - Recycle cooking oil, Never pour oil or grease down the drain
 - Scrape waste food from pots and pans and dispose in the garbage.
 - Allow fats, oil and grease to cool and pour into a disposable container or scrap into the garbage.
 - Grease and fats build-up in the sewer system resulting in sewer backups and overflows.
- **Draining storm water into the sanitary sewer is prohibited.**
 - The sanitary sewer system in Cabot is not designed to drain storm water.
 - Connecting Roof drains & French drains to the sewer is prohibited
 - Modifying clean outs to drain storm water is prohibited.
 - Repair damaged sewer cleanouts and cleanout caps.
 - Storm water entering the sanitary sewer will cause sewer overflows and backups
- Please report any sink holes in your yard by calling Cabot Waterworks billing office. If you have a sink hole in your yard, and are connected to the city sewer, there is a chance the sewer pipe is damaged which may have caused the sink hole. Some sink holes form when the ground is eroded by rain storms draining into a damaged sewer pipe.
- Do not plant trees within 20 feet of any sewer pipe. Tree roots will eventually grow into the pipe joints and create a sewer blockage.