



## Prevent sewer backups

With proper care, your home sewer line and the City's sewer system should provide decades of carefree service. Improper use, however, can cause sewers to back up.

Protect your home from sewer backups by following these rules:

- Do not pour fats, oils or grease down drains. Fats, oils and grease cool and congeal in the sewer pipes. Once congealed, they stick to the pipes and cause backups. Instead, pour fats, oils and grease into a container, let it cool, then throw it in the trash.
- Do not flush feminine products, disposable rags, baby wipes, disinfectant/cleaning wipes, diapers or paper towels. These products take a long time to dissolve and are very likely to get stuck in the sewer lines. Instead, place these items in the trash.
- Start a tree root maintenance program. Tree roots seek out sewers because sewers contain nutrients and water. Consider starting a maintenance program to keep roots from blocking your sewer. Find out more by speaking with your plumber or staff at your favorite hardware store.