



Keep your **SEWER SYSTEM** in shape. It pays off.

Why is wastewater treatment important?

Proper wastewater treatment protects our homes, health, environment, and wallets. Regular maintenance helps you avoid expensive repairs from clogs and leaks and helps keep excess bacteria and pollutants out of local waterways. Routine upkeep is much less expensive and easier than digging up your yard or paying for emergency repairs.

What you can do, and what to avoid:

- ✓ Avoid flushing anything other than toilet paper and human waste. Even wipes labeled as flushable can cause backups.



- ✓ Gurgling sounds from the toilet may be a sign that a clog is forming in your system.

- ✓ Don't put food scraps or grease down the sink.



- ✓ Even with a garbage disposal, things like coffee grounds, eggshells, and oils can build up over time and cause problems.

- ✓ Properly maintain your garbage disposal.

- ✓ Liquid detergent is your best option when it comes to avoiding system clogs.



- ✓ Check your lint and pump filter periodically as directed by the manufacturer to avoid build up and blockages.

If you see or smell something, say something!

Call 311 to report problems, small issues can become big ones fast.

Dispatchers will quickly relay your concerns to the right people.



Want more helpful tips?

Download our **Guide to the Care and Maintenance of On-site and Neighborhood Wastewater Treatment Systems!**

