Healthy habits for your drains

Post near the sink or share with everyone in the household.

SMALL HABITS THAT HELP

- [ ] Let cooking grease cool in a suitable container, then put it in the trash. Wipe greasy cookware before washing; do not pour fats or oils into the sink or disposal.
- [ ] Use a sink strainer and a shower hair catcher. Empty collected scraps and hair into the trash.
- [ ] Keep a small bathroom bin handy. Only human waste and toilet paper belong in the toilet; wipes, floss, paper towels and hygiene products go in the bin.

SKIP THESE SHORTCUTS

- [ ] Hot water does not make grease safe for the drain. The grease can build up farther along the plumbing.
- [ ] Baking soda and vinegar fizz is not a dependable fix for a stubborn clog. Recurring slow drains need the cause investigated.
- [ ] Do not mix drain cleaners with other products or home remedies. If a cleaner is already in a blocked drain, stop DIY work and tell the plumber exactly what you used.

Multiple backed-up fixtures or sewage coming up? Stop using water and call a plumber. Keep children and pets away. For a chemical exposure, call Poison Control at 1-800-222-1222; call 911 for immediate danger.

Where we keep our grease container / drain catchers

A recurring problem to get checked

Source: ocsan.gov/fog
Source: ocsan.gov/what2flush
Source: poison.org/articles/whats-in-drain-cleaner