

THANKS FOR BEING **Sewer Smart!**



Our crews are in your neighborhood on an ongoing basis performing inspections and maintenance tasks to keep sewers in your area flowing smoothly.

This work also prevents costly and damaging sewer backups, which annually cost homeowners and businesses, as well as your city or town, millions of dollars in unnecessary cleanup costs.

You can help prevent sewer problems for yourself and your neighbors by observing a few simple Sewer Smart Tips, found on the back of this card.

You can also learn whether your home may be at risk of suffering a sewer backup AND learn what to do about it, should it happen, at www.sewersmart.org. You can also call your city or local sanitary district as indicated below.

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**SEE REVERSE FOR Sewer Smart TIPS
TO GET YOU STARTED!**

Be Sewer Smart!

DOs and DON'Ts

By following these **simple sewer smart tips**, you can keep your sewer working properly, help prevent sewer backups and **avoid** expensive plumbing and cleanup bills!



- DO:** Collect grease in a container and throw it in the garbage.
 - DO:** Put food scraps in your compost bin or in the garbage for disposal with solid waste.
 - DO:** Place a wastebasket in the bathroom to dispose of items such as disposable diapers and personal hygiene products.
 - DO:** Use a backflow prevention device (BPD) as needed.
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- DON'T:** Pour grease, fats, and oils from cooking down the drain.
 - DON'T:** Use the sewer to dispose of food scraps.
 - DON'T:** Use the toilet as a wastebasket for garbage or chemicals. These items can kill "good" bacteria used for sewage treatment, cost much more to treat, and can enter the Bay.
 - DON'T:** Plant trees with shallow, spreading root systems near your sewer lateral. Tree roots seek water sources, such as cracked sewer lines. Once the roots have penetrated the line through cracks, the roots can create a dense mat and trap materials.



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