

# BE SEWER SAVVY

Help to promote a long life for both your personal, as well as the public, wastewater collection system.

## DO'S AND DON'TS

### WHAT NOT TO FLUSH

Foreign Objects and Debris  
All Grease & Oils  
Food  
Coffee Grounds & Tea  
Cigarettes  
Flammable Substances  
Toxic Chemicals  
Paints  
Pool or Spa Products

Diapers and Baby Wipes  
Sanitary Napkins  
Bath & Body Oils  
Personal Care Products  
Large Amounts of Hair  
Cigarettes  
Cat Litter  
Pharmaceuticals

### STOP THE FOG

**DON'T** pour fats, oils and grease down sinks or toilets  
Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) blocking sewer pipes is a serious maintenance problem for both the Town and sewer system as well as your own plumbing and sewer pipes. When hot grease is disposed of in your sink, it quickly solidifies, which creates a potential blockage in your waste pipe. This could potentially jeopardize public and environmental health. In addition, high levels of FOG may inhibit the proper functioning of low-pressure sewer systems, pump stations and the wastewater treatment facility.

### Town of Harwich

### WATER & WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT

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### IMPORTANT FACT

Just because a products' packaging states that it is "flushable" it is NOT. These, along with baby wipes, sanitary napkins and other non-biodegradable items, over time, turn into a grayish pulp that can wrap around a pump and/or cause a blockage in sewer pipes. This provides a potential for sewer backups and/or sewer overflows.

### SEWER MANHOLE



### STORM DRAIN GRATE



### DIG SAFELY

**DON'T** dig without knowing the location of your sewer system or other utilities. Notify Dig-Safe prior to any digging on your property.

### SEWER PUMP STATIONS RED FLASHING LIGHTS

All of the Town's Pump Stations are equipped with red flashing lights. If the lights are on, this could indicate a problem with the pump system. This condition should be reported ASAP to expedite response and prevent backups and/or overflows.

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