How to Stop Being a Sewer Blocker

1. The number one cause of sewage spills is grease! Properly dispose of FATS, OILS and GREASE in the trash, not down the drain. TIP - You can refrigerate used grease in a container so it won’t spoil. Then put it in the trash the day your garbage is picked up.

2. Properly dispose of COFFEE GROUNDS and EGGSHELLS in the trash, never put of them in the garbage disposal. TIP - Crushed eggshells and coffee grounds are great for making garden compost!

3. Use a DRAIN SCREEN in your SINK to catch food scraps and dispose of them in the trash. Use your garbage disposal sparingly. TIP - You can compost almost all kitchen scraps except meat, cheese, bones and dairy products.

4. Use a FINE DRAIN SCREEN in your SHOWER to catch hair and dispose of it properly in the trash.

5. Do not use your toilet as a trash can. Hair, cotton balls, Q-Tips and Kleenex all belong in the trash!

6. Properly dispose of BABY DIAPERS, BABY WIPES and FEMININE NAPKINS in the trash.

7. Deposit CAT LITTER in the trash. Never flush cat litter down the toilet it can settle in your sewer pipe and cause a blockage.

8. Invasive roots can penetrate and block your sewer pipe and cause a spill on your property. Inspect your yard for signs of possible ROOT INTRUSION into your sewer service lateral. TIP - Identify where your sewer service laterals are located. If you have shrubbery and trees near by, a routine cleaning is recommended.

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