

Luv Your Water Pipes

If February is the month for love, why not show some for your water pipes too!

Keep your wastewater pipes flowing free by eliminating the sources of clogs.

Wastewater in Cobb County:

The Cobb County Water System operates and maintains approximately 2,500 miles of sanitary sewer lines. The sewer collection system includes a network of pipes that are connected to sinks, toilets, showers, tubs, and some appliances from the home. Anything that goes down the drain enters this sewer collection system. The sewer pipes move wastewater from homes and businesses to one of the County's four Water Reclamation Facilities (WRF). Approximately 26 billion gallons of wastewater are generated and treated in the County annually. In Cobb, treated water is released into the Chattahoochee River, Lake Allatoona, and Noonday Creek. Learn more about the process at <https://www.cobbcounty.org/watershed-stewardship/education/water-and-wastewater-101>

Manage Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG) in your kitchen.

Anything that clogs arteries also clogs pipes. FOG sticks to the walls of sewer pipes and builds up over time. As the FOG collects, it restricts the flow of wastewater and can cause sewer overflows and backups into homes, businesses, and the environment. Sources of FOG include ice cream, cheese, peanut butter, gravy, salad dressing, cooking oil, and meat. Never pour FOG down the drain, wipe all scraps and excess FOG into the garbage before washing dishes, avoid using your garbage disposal, use a sink strainer, and empty the contents of sink strainers into the trash or compost bin.

Never flush any type of wipe, cloth, towelette, or pad.

Wipes should not be flushed. While the packaging may say "flushable," the material does not break down like toilet paper. These products cause blockages in sewer pipes and can result in a sewage backup into the home. Always throw used wipes into the garbage.

Show some love and keep your pipes free flowing. Learn more about our education programming: <http://cobbstreams.org>

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