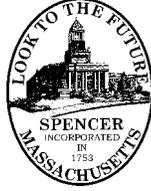


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NOTICE TO ALL SEWER/SEPTIC SYSTEM USERS

All of our sewer/ septic system users should review the following procedures for the proper use of their waste disposal systems.

Your toilet and septic system are only designed to dispose of human wastes and toilet paper (which quickly breaks down). Unfortunately, people use the toilet as a wastebasket out of convenience. It is a huge "out of sight, out of mind" problem because people often don't see the mess sewer overflows cause and the problems that sewer workers need to deal with.

Almost any type of rubbish may restrict flow, clog pipes, **damage process equipment**, and cause septage overflows. Please keep the following from going down your toilet and sinks:

- **DON'T:** Pour grease, fats and oils from cooking down the drain or toilet.
- **DON'T:** Use the sewer to dispose of food scraps.
- **DON'T:** Use the toilet as a wastebasket for garbage (such as diapers, **Wipes**, paper towels, napkins or feminine hygiene products).
- **DO:** Collect oil and grease in a container filled with absorbent material (shredded newspaper, napkins, paper towels, rags, etc.) and properly dispose of it in the garbage.
- **DO:** Scrape grease and food scraps off cooking/serving utensils and plates for proper disposal. Better yet, wipe them with used napkins and paper towels before washing.
- **DO:** Use wastebaskets for all garbage (including diapers, wipes, paper towels, napkins or feminine products). **DO:** Encourage friends and neighbors to practice similar habits of proper oil, grease and garbage disposal. Parents, set a good example for your children.