



Defend Your Drains

# PROTECT YOUR HOME & COMMUNITY

## Did you know?

Everything that goes down your drains ends up in our pipes, pumps, treatment plants, and possibly back to your lakes which could affect water quality.

**+1.4M**

North  
Texans

**13**

Wastewater  
Treatment  
Plants

**226**

Miles of  
Pipelines

**+163M**

Gallons Of  
Wastewater  
Treated Daily

## Prevent Damages & Repairs!

### TRASH IT - DON'T FLUSH IT.



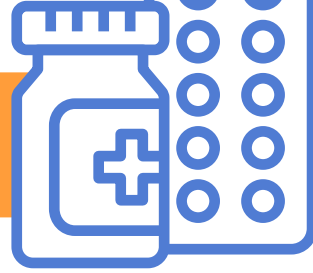
- Even "Flushable" wipes belong in the trash and should not be flushed down your toilet.
- Keep your toilet free of hygiene products and wipes, as well as any and all other trash.



### DON'T POUR FATS, OILS & GREASE DOWN THE DRAIN

- Pour grease and fats into empty soup or coffee cans. Once it solidifies, throw it away in the trash. Take used cooking oil to a cooking oil recycling center.
- Put leftover food scraps into the trash or compost bin.
- Scrape your plates and pans clean and soak up greasy residue with paper towels before rinsing.

### KEEP CHEMICALS OUT OF OUR PIPES & PROTECT WATER QUALITY



- Take unused household chemicals and used motor oil to a hazardous waste collection center for proper disposal.
- Donate large quantities of paint or contact your community's collection programs to find out how to safely dispose.
- Expired and unwanted medications should never be flushed. Take them to a DEA drug take back event, local home chemical collection center, pharmacy or some local police stations.

Your Next Steps For

## DISPOSING PROPERLY

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### Dispose of Your Cooking Oil

Dispose of your cooking oil for free at a North Texas Defend Your Drains recycling location.

Find the closest one at  
[Defendyourdrainsnorthtexas.com](http://Defendyourdrainsnorthtexas.com)

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### Safely Dispose of Your Medicines

Safely dispose of your medicines at the DEA Take Back Events. The DEA's National Prescription Drug Take Back Day encourages the public to remove unneeded medications from their homes so they can be disposed of properly, keeping them out of our waterways.

Learn more at  
[DEA.gov/takebackday](http://DEA.gov/takebackday)

For more ways to defend your drains and to protect our water quality,  
head to [NTMWD.com/Defend-Your-Drains](http://NTMWD.com/Defend-Your-Drains)

Know More.  
Water Less.

