



Protect your home

What to
leave out of
your sink
and toilet



Prevent blockages in the sewer system

Did you know that what we put down the toilet and sink all ends up in the same sewer pipe?

Melbourne's south east has a first class water and sewerage network, and we work hard to keep it that way.

But you have a role to play too. You can watch what you put in your toilet and sink to help prevent blocked pipes, pumps and sewers.

Handy tips

- 1** Wipe your pots and pans with a paper towel before rinsing to help remove excess grease. Collect cooled oil and either put it in the bin or on your compost.
- 2** Keep paint, pesticides and chemicals in their original containers and contact your local council or Sustainability Victoria (03 8626 8700) for collection and disposal advice.
- 3** Instead of rinsing scraps off your plate, scrape them into the bin or compost. Using a sink strainer is another good way to reduce the risk of a blocked sink or sewer.
- 4** Even 'flushable' wipes cause blocked pipes, pumps and sewers, so place these items in the bin, not your toilet.

Protect your home's pipes and the sewer. Leave these out of the toilet and sinks:

Condoms



Cooking oil



Tampons & other sanitary items



Grease



Wipes, including 'flushable' ones



Pesticides & chemicals



Cotton buds



Food scraps



Nappies



Paint



Razor blades



Syringes



Advantages of protecting the sewer system

Solid items put into the sewer system can create slimy, thick blockages. These blockages can be costly and very messy if they 'back up' into your house.

So next time you're using the sink or toilet, help us to protect the sewer network and your home – it's as easy as keeping certain things out of it.

Decrease blockages
Help the environment
Protect sewer workers

Handy tips

- 1** Personal items such as nappies, condoms, tampons and razor blades should be safely disposed of in the bin.
- 2** Dispose of syringes by calling DirectLine, the confidential alcohol and drug counselling referral line, to request a disposal container on 1800 888 236.

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