in the kitchen

Clogged sink drains can ruin your home, too! Keep all sinks in your home clog-free by following these simple steps:

- Fruit and vegetable stickers belong in the trash, not the drain.
- Always place cooled fats, oils and grease into a covered, disposable container and throw it into your food waste/organics cart. Never pour fats, oils or grease down sink drains or toilets.
- Soak up remaining oils and grease with an absorbent material such as paper towels and throw into your food waste/organics cart.
- Before you wash dishes, place food scraps, fats, oils and grease into your food waste/organics cart.

Recycle up to 15 gallons of Cooking Oil (Turkey Fryer Grease) at South Bay Recycling, 333 Shoreway Road in San Carlos, 650-802-8355, Monday-Saturday 8:30am-4:00pm. Do not pour down the sink drain, storm drain or sewer.

San Mateo County may accept your Household Hazardous Waste by appointment only

Common household products become “Hazardous Waste” when poured down a drain or flushed down a toilet because they harm our environment and wreak havoc on the District’s sewer system. Never dump medications, pain, paint thinner, cleaning products that have a CAUTION-WARNING-DANGER-POISON label. Instead, visit the San Mateo Countywide Water Pollution Prevention Program website at www.flowstobay.org and click “Community” then select “To Toxic To Trash” for the location of your nearest recycler and drop-off site!
An overflowing toilet can ruin your home in an instant!

Just a small amount of household waste flushed down the toilet (or dumped down the drain or garbage disposal) can clog pipes and cause nasty messes in your home, and expensive sewer backups in our District.

AVOID CLOGS BY KEEPING THIS STUFF OUT OF YOUR TOILET!

Did you know?

“Flushable Wipes” are the biggest problem for sewer backups in our community. That’s right, even if the package says “flushable,” they should NEVER be flushed. They belong in the trash.

Flush ONLY toilet paper. Put trash in the trash can.