

## **PUT IT IN THE TRASH, NOT DOWN THE DRAIN!**

Oil and fats are one of the biggest problems for house drain back-ups or clogs. They are also known to cause problems in homeowner laterals and in the township main lines causing expensive repairs.

It is always best to wipe out all excess oil from cooking pans with paper towels and then it can be disposed of properly in the trash.

Other items that contribute to sewer line blockages and drain problems by flushing include but are not limited to:

Paper towels or disposable cleaning towels

Washing machine lint

Baby wipes

Cotton balls and swabs

Personal hygiene products

### **IN ADDITION:**

#### **Motor oil, paint and other hazardous chemicals**

Do not pour these items down the drain. Not only are they both dangerous and harmful to your drains but they are known to cause costly problems to the main sewer lines, the sewage treatment plant and the sewage treatment process.

#### **Tree Roots**

Tree roots are another major contributor of sewer line problems. The tree roots can easily invade sewer lines through the pipe joints and cause severe damage. Never plant trees over sewer lines especially when the sewer lines were installed prior to 1980. These lines are terra cotta pipe, installed in very short sections and are highly susceptible to root problems.