



Modified Consent Decree for the Sanitary Sewer System



LEARNING STATION 2

COLLECTION SYSTEM OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Do's and Dont's

- Do call 311 to report a sewer problem such as an overflowing manhole in the street or if you are experiencing slow or sluggish draining of your sewage.
- Do install a cleanout on your house lateral connection at the property line if there is not one present.
- Do make sure your cleanout is accessible for City maintenance crews to clean/inspect the public portion of your lateral connection from the property line to the sewer main.
- Do have your lateral connection inspected from your home out to the property line and have repairs performed, if necessary.
- **Do not** plant trees, shrubs, or bushes near sewer lines. Roots from these plants can enter, block, and damage sewer pipes.
- **Do not** dispose of fats, oils, or grease down sinks, toilets, or floor drains. Dispose of them in the trash instead. Fats, oils and greases (FOG) solidify inside drains and sewers and eventually create clogs.
- **Do not** dispose of diapers, napkins, wipes, rags, sanitary products, or similar products in your toilet or drain –these items block sewer lines and cause sewer backups and overflows, which release untreated sewage into our homes, neighborhoods, rivers, and streams.



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MAINTENANCE AND PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

Food Service Best Management Practices

FOG: Fats, Oils & Grease

- Pour cooled grease into a garbage can or container. Once the grease has solidified, dispose of it with regular garbage. Commercial establishments must use a licensed hauler to dispose of yellow grease.
- Don't discharge fats, oils, or grease down drains, sinks, or storm drains.
- Scrape food scraps into the garbage bin. Dry wipe dishes free of FOG prior to washing to remove grease.
- Clean grease spills with absorbent material and then dispose of it in the garbage.
- Ensure grease control devices are accessible for maintenance and inspection.
- Commercial establishments must maintain grease control devices in accordance with manufacturer's specifications, industry standards, and City requirements.



For more information, call 311 or contact Pollution Control at (410) 396-9695 or pollutioncontrolsection@baltimorecity.gov