

Dear Residents and Business Owners of Ruscombmanor Township;

The sewer plant serving the Township is having an excessive grease issue. The excessive grease is resulting in higher than anticipated maintenance costs. If the issue cannot be resolved, the Township may have to increase the sewer rates charged to its customers to offset the rising maintenance expenses.

What can you do to help with the grease issue and kept the costs of maintenance down?

By following these simple guidelines, home and commercial property owners can make a significant difference in preventing sewer back-up, overflow, and grease build-up at the plant and pump stations by keeping grease products out of the sewer system.

**Guidelines for Homeowners and Commercial Property Owners:**

1. Do not pour grease products down sink drains or into toilets. Grease products include meat fats, lard, cooking oil, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, baking goods, sauces, and dairy products.
2. Scrape grease and food scraps from trays, plates, pots, pans, utensils, grills, and cooking surfaces into a can or trash for disposal.
3. Do not put grease products in garbage disposals. These units are for shredding solids and do not prevent grease from going down the drain.
4. Be cautious of chemicals and commercial additives (including soaps and detergents) that claim to dissolve grease. Some of these additives simply pass grease down pipes where it can clog the sewer lines in another area.
5. Place baskets/strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids and empty the baskets/strainers into the trash for disposal.
6. Speak with friends and neighbors about the problem of grease in the sewer system and how to keep it out.
7. Maintain any grease trap on the property by regularly cleaning it out and ensuring that it is sized properly.

**In addition, “flushable wipes” do not degrade and will cause clogging in the pumps at the Sewer Treatment Plant. So, with that in mind, we would ask that you please do NOT flush those wipes.**

We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this important matter.