

CTRWD collects over 100 million gallons of sewage from over 14,000 customers every month. CTRWD is very passionate about what gets placed down your drains! CTRWD urges you to be mindful of what goes down your drains. Remember that what goes down your drains must be removed so the water can be returned to the environment. Help to keep our rivers, lakes and streams clean by properly disposing of FOG and trash and keeping it out of the sewer system. It is essential that everyone understands the importance of maintaining water quality in our communities. Eventually this same water makes its way back into the drinking water supply.

To assist CTRWD customers in properly disposing of fats, oils and grease, CTRWD offers many handy household giveaways. Below are a few of the items that are available at our office to help you keep your drains clear and flowing.



**Come join CTRWD  
at the 2015 Carmel Fest!**

**CTRWD will be participating for  
the 7th year!**

Stop by our booth to learn more about:

- Wastewater treatment
- Household Hazardous Waste disposal
- Inflow and Infiltration prevention
- Fats, Oils and Grease prevention

There will be lots to learn for kids and adults, free drain-saving tips and tools to keep you staying in the game!



Grease Jar



Jar Opener



Bowl Scraper



Three-tier Can  
Lid



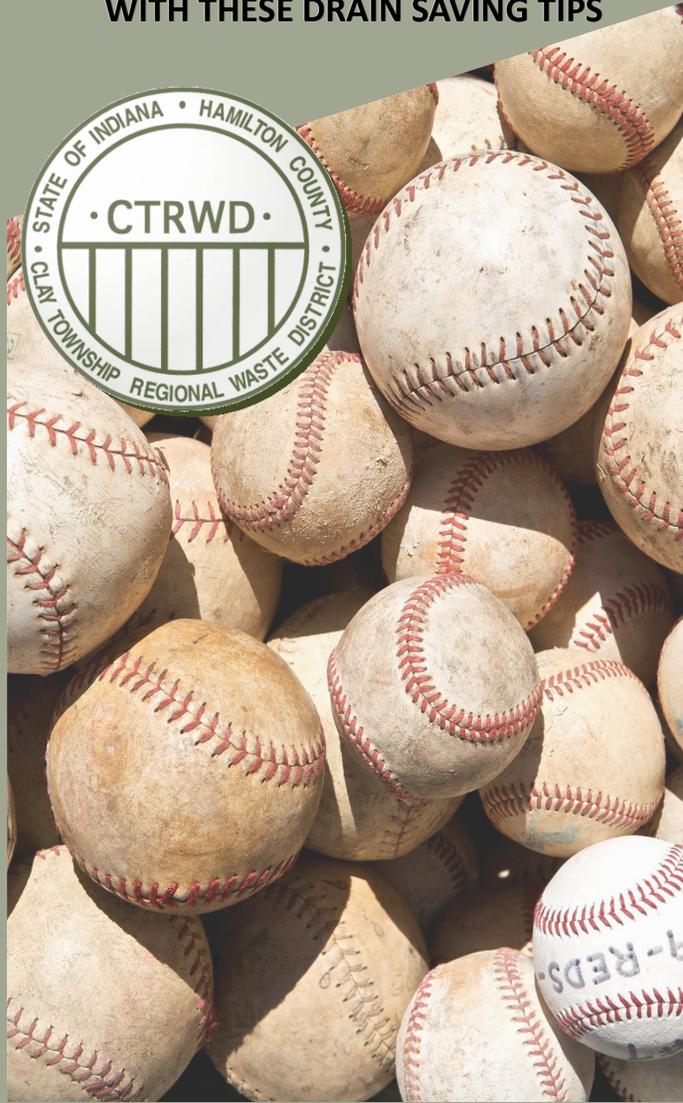
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**WITH THESE DRAIN SAVING TIPS**



# TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME

The baseball season is in full swing. While this may mean visits to the ballpark for some, others will be rooting for their favorite team from the comfort of their living room. For many, celebrating the national pastime means getting together with friends and family over good food and good times. This can also mean an increased potential for the amount of FOG (Fats, Oils, and Grease) that can enter into the sewer system. When FOG enters the sewer system, it solidifies and sticks to the interior walls of the pipe. As materials pass by, they adhere to the grease and oil, eventually causing a build up that can block the entire pipe. This game changer will not only ruin your game, but will cause you a costly repair bill. Properly disposing of your fats, oils and greases can ensure your game ends in a home run instead of an strike out!



## ROOT ROOT ROOT FOR THE HOME TEAM

When FOG and other trash cause blockages, CTRWD must clear these blockages to maintain an operational sewer system. We frequently clear blockages caused by FOG, trash and wipes. While CTRWD is responsible for cleaning the main sewer lines, homeowners are responsible for maintaining the portion of their sewer lateral which connects their house to CTRWD's main sewer lines. Since the homeowner's lines are typically smaller than the main sewer lines, they can easily clog causing you unwanted aggravation and pull you out of the game. And remember, if your home's lateral becomes plugged, you pay for it!

## ONE TWO THREE STRIKES YOU'RE OUT

When the wrong things go down the toilet, it not only creates back-ups of your household plumbing, but it can create problems at the wastewater treatment plant and with the environment. Sometimes homeowners are not given the opportunity for 3 strikes with their house's plumbing. One wrong thing placed down the drain can create a nasty problem that is costly and time-consuming to correct. Because whatever goes down the drain can potentially have harmful effects to the local waterways, it is essential that people understand the importance of maintaining water quality in our community. There is only so much water on this earth and it is up to us to protect it.

The elimination of FOG discharges and flushable wipes into the sewer system continues to be a major focus for CTRWD. The majority of maintenance problems within the sewer system are caused by the discharge of FOG and flushable wipes by residential customers, restaurants and automotive facilities. Whatever goes down your drains can potentially have harmful effects on the local waterways, so it is really important to keep household wastes such as prescriptions, paint thinners, fats and oils, rags, paper towels, cleaners and other household products out of the drains. Dispose of these items in accordance with the local ordinance.

Wastewater treatment facilities are sophisticated systems designed primarily to treat organic wastes, such as human waste and household wastewater, with sensitive natural processes doing the work of breaking down the waste. Products that are untreatable can interfere with these natural processes along with harming pipes, pumps, and the environment. What items that do make it through the collection system to the wastewater plant must be captured, pulled out of the system, and trucked to a landfill. That's a very expensive, labor-intensive way to dispose of something. Please think about what you place down the drains!



## BUY ME SOME PEANUTS AND CRACKER JACKS

oil and that other items will not cause drains to clog. The fact is that food scrapes and other trash can also cause serious problems for your kitchen's drains and the District's sewer system. So remember, after buying your peanuts and cracker jacks, throw the leftovers in the trash and not down the drain.

Below are a few steps to help keep your drains running free:

- Put oil and grease in covered collection containers
- Scrape grease and food waste into the trashcan for disposal
- Dry wipe grease off of plate before washing
- Put strainers in sink drains to catch food waste and other solids
- Start a compost pile to dispose of food waste
- Limit garbage disposal usage