

COMMUNITYLINK NEWSLETTER

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Sewer Back Ups & Not So "Flushable" Wipes

Sewer backups happen. If you've ever experienced one, you know there's a lot of time and money spent to correct the damage caused by the backup. Sanitary sewer line blockages are typically caused by roots, grease and improper disposal of items. Tree roots can enter the sanitary sewer system at joints and cracks in the sewer service lines and mains. Grease can solidify in the sewer lines and restrict other waste from flowing through. The lines can be blocked by disposable diapers, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, washing machine lint, or similar items that get flushed down the drain or toilet.

As a resident you play an important role in keeping the City's main sewer line and your own private sewer line clean and clear of blockages.

The following items should be disposed of in your trash can, NOT in the sanitary sewer system:

- Diapers
- Sanitary napkins
- Rags or shop towels
- Baby wipes, adult wipes, cleaning wipes, medical wipes
- Garage waste products such as oil, grease, gasoline, antifreeze
- Household waste such as ashes, corrosives, glass, metals, paint, poisons, solvents, cooking oils and greases
- Cat Litter
- Yard waste such as sand, soil or mud

If a sewer backup occurs on your property, the City encourages you to take the following steps:

- 1. Call the City immediately at 507-867-3810 during business hours or 507-273-9597 after hours to report the sewer backup. The City will work with you to identify the location of the blockage. If the blockage is in one of the City's main sewer lines, the City will attempt to clear the blockage.
- Make arrangements for the blockage to be cleared if it is determined to be in the individual sewer line to your property. Remember, you are responsible for scheduling and paying for service to clear such a blockage.
- 3. If you have homeowners or another type of property insurance coverage, notify your insurance agent of the sewer backup to see if such a claim is covered.
- 4. Clean the entire contaminated area in a safe and professional manner. It's a good idea to use the services of a reputable company experienced in cleaning up after sewer backups.
- 5. Document the actions you take (calls, contacts, costs) in response to the sewer backup.

If you have further questions, call Chris at the Waste Water Treatment Facility at 507-867-4321 or Brian in Public Works at 507-867-3810 or after normal work hours at 507-273-9597.

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Phone: 507-867-3810 Fax: 507-867-9093 In Case of Emergency:

Ambulance (Non Emergency)
Police (Non Emergency)
Chatfield Public Library

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Monday, July 15, 2019 7:30 PM—9:30 PM	
Potter Auditorium—General Admission Admission is free with a suggested donation of	
\$5-10 per person online or at the door	· den

City Calendar July 2019 Wed Mon Thu Fri Recycling - City Garbage - FC Garbage - OC Independence Day Commission Wide Residents City Offices Residents Closed 12 Garbage - OC Personnel / Recycling - City Garbage - FC Budget Committee Wide Residents Residents Public Works <u>Committee</u> City Council Meeting 16 19 Garbage - OC Recycling - City Garbage - FC Wide Residents Residents 22 23 26 **Economic** Recycling - City Garbage - FC Garbage - OC Development <u>Wide</u> Residents Residents Authority Board Heritage Meeting Perservation Public Services Commission Committee Park & Recreation <u>Committee</u> City Council <u>Meeting</u> 29 30 Garbage - OC Recycling - City Garbage - FC Wide Residents

Find calendar details at www.ci.chatfield.mn.us

July 2 Storytime at 10:30am July 5 Magic Bob at 10:00am July 12 Science Tellers at 10:00am July 16 Storytime at 10:30am July 19 The Wild, Wild Wet Show! At 10:00am

July Events at the Public Library

7/24—7/26 Scholastic Book Fair (open library hours)

July 30 Fairy Garden Workshop at 2:00pm

(8-12yrs, preregistration required)







