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# “Flush Smart” Word Search

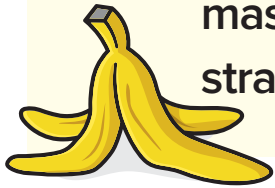
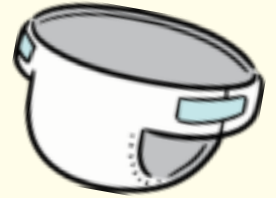
Find and circle all of the words in the list below. Think before you flush!

These things do **NOT** belong in the toilet:

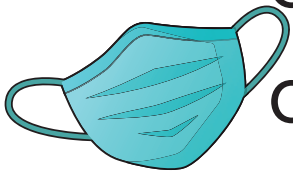
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DO NOT FLUSH



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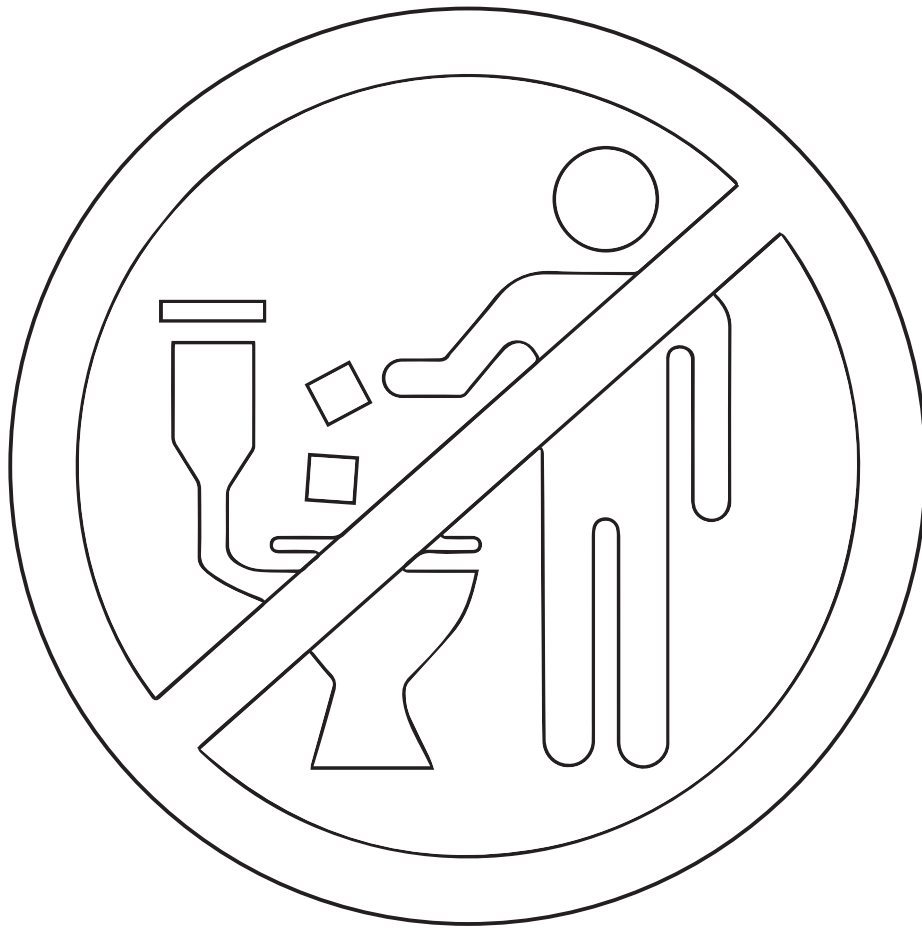
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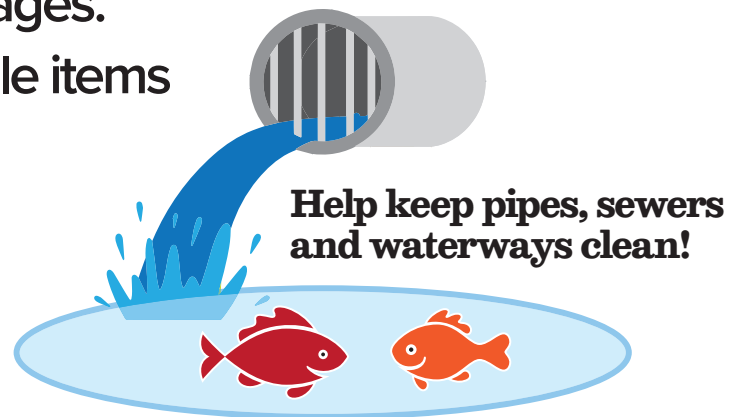


# DO NOT FLUSH



## Down the Toilet

- Check labels on wipes packages.
- Toss plastic and non-flushable items in the trash — not the toilet.
- When in doubt, throw it out!



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**DO NOT POUR** Fat, Oils and Grease down the drain.

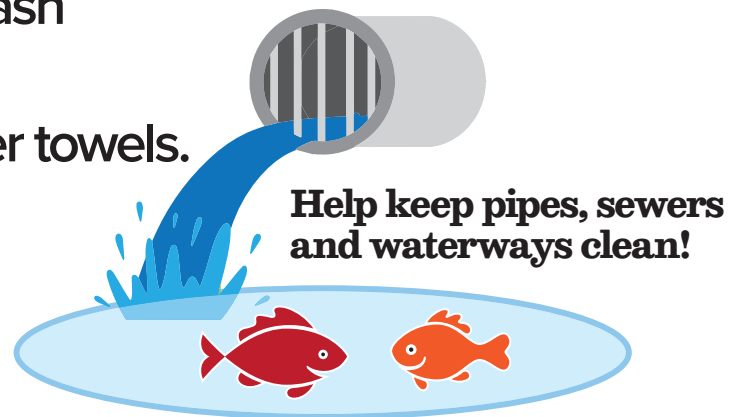


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## Down the Drain

- Scrape your plate into the trash or compost before rinsing.
- Wipe greasy pans with paper towels.
- Cool cooking oil, then can it!



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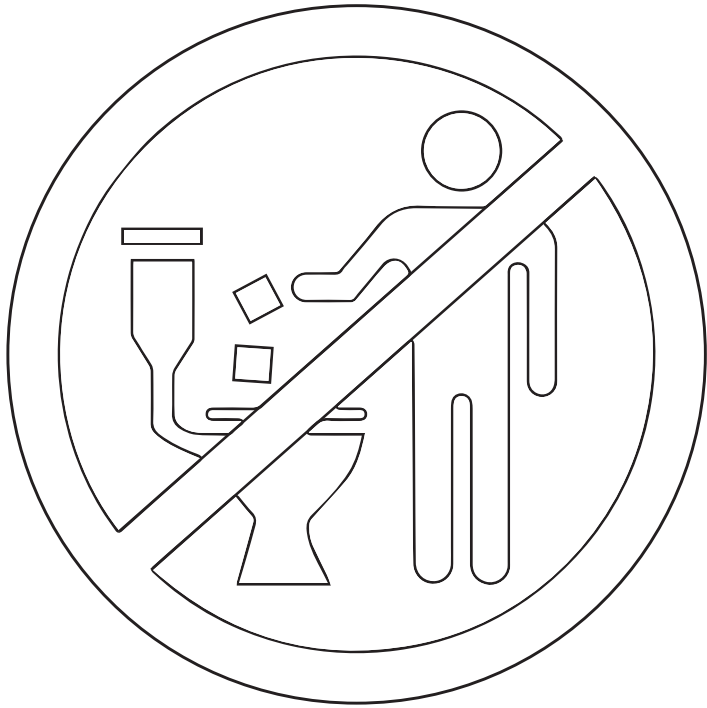
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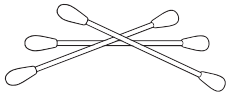
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## Down the Toilet



cotton swabs, dental floss, plastic



disinfecting and cleaning wipes



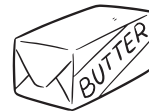
diapers and baby wipes



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## Down the Drain



butter, shortening, dairy products



mayonnaise, oils and dressings



bacon grease, gravies and sauces



CUT ALONG DOTTED LINES

Help keep pipes, sewers and waterways clean!



# Maze

Trace a path through the pipes.  
Help the water flow down to the sewer.  
Don't let clogs get in the way!

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Stop clogs before they happen!  
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# Make-Your-Own “Clog Monsters”



## PREPARATION:

Collect empty toilet paper tubes and household items (see list). Leave wipes out to dry overnight. You may wish to measure and cut colored construction paper in advance (see step 1).

## MATERIALS:

- Toilet paper tubes
- White and colored construction paper
- Paint and paint brushes (optional)
- Markers, scissors, glue and glue sticks
- Tissue paper or party streamers
- Fabric scraps, pipe cleaners
- String or yarn

## HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:

- Baby wipes or cleaning wipes (dried out overnight)
- Dental floss, cotton swabs, small bandages, cotton balls
- Toothpaste caps, plastic bottle tops, straws from juice boxes
- Paper towels and plastic wrappers, cut up into small pieces

## OVERVIEW:

Reuse empty toilet paper tubes in creative ways! Make cardboard “Clog Monsters” for a fun craft activity. For an extra eco-lesson, decorate them with clog-causing items that should NOT be flushed down the toilet. Use the Talking Points for reference.

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Wrap your tube in a piece of construction paper, cut down to the same size. Stick it in place with glue or tape. Or, paint the tube and let it dry.
2. Make your own recyclable “googly eyes” with white construction paper and a marker. Cut them out and glue them on.
3. Draw other features (eyebrows, mouth, etc.) on your monster face with a marker.
4. Cut out white triangles for fangs and glue in place.
5. Now add some small bits that represent disposable wipes and trash that should NOT be flushed down the toilet (see Household Items list).
6. Stuff dried wipes into the tube to make “hair” or hang one over the back like a cape. Make cotton-swab antennae or toothpaste-cap horns. Let your imagination run wild!



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# Make Your Own “Clog Monsters”<sup>continued</sup>



## EXTENSION IDEAS:

- Put on a puppet show with your Clog Monsters
- Take a group picture of all your Clog Monsters, upload it to a computer, and make a mini poster for your home or school bathroom.

## TALKING POINTS:

What’s a Clog Monster made of? Trash, plastic, paper towels, and other things that should not be flushed down the toilet. This includes baby wipes and any wipes with the Do Not Flush symbol on the package.



**DO NOT FLUSH**

## HERE’S WHAT THE SYMBOL LOOKS LIKE.

When you see this on a wipes package, should you flush the wipe in the toilet?

**NO!**

Where should you put it?

**IN THE TRASH!**

## WHAT’S THE BIG DEAL?

These small items can form clogs that cause big problems. “Non-flushables” can break toilets, damage sewers and harm wildlife habitats like lakes, rivers, oceans and streams.



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# Make-Your-Own FOG Can

Use the printable label on the right to create your own FOG Can.

## What's a FOG Can?

FOG stands for Fat, Oils and Grease. When poured down sinks, FOG can clog sewers! That's why we should:

1. Cool it if it's hot and
2. Pour it in a FOG Can instead.

Get your family in the habit by showing them how to properly dispose of FOG in the kitchen. Keep FOG Cans handy and keep drainpipes and sewers clean! When your FOG Cans are full, throw the contents in the trash or compost.



## PREPARATION:

Collect empty soup or vegetable cans. If enlisting children's help, send a note home asking adults to be sure to dispose of any sharp lids in advance.

## MATERIALS:

- Empty soup or vegetable cans
- Computer printer (b/w) and paper
- Colored markers
- Scissors, clear tape, glue sticks
- Recycled magazines or newspaper circulars



FOG  
Fat, Oils and Grease



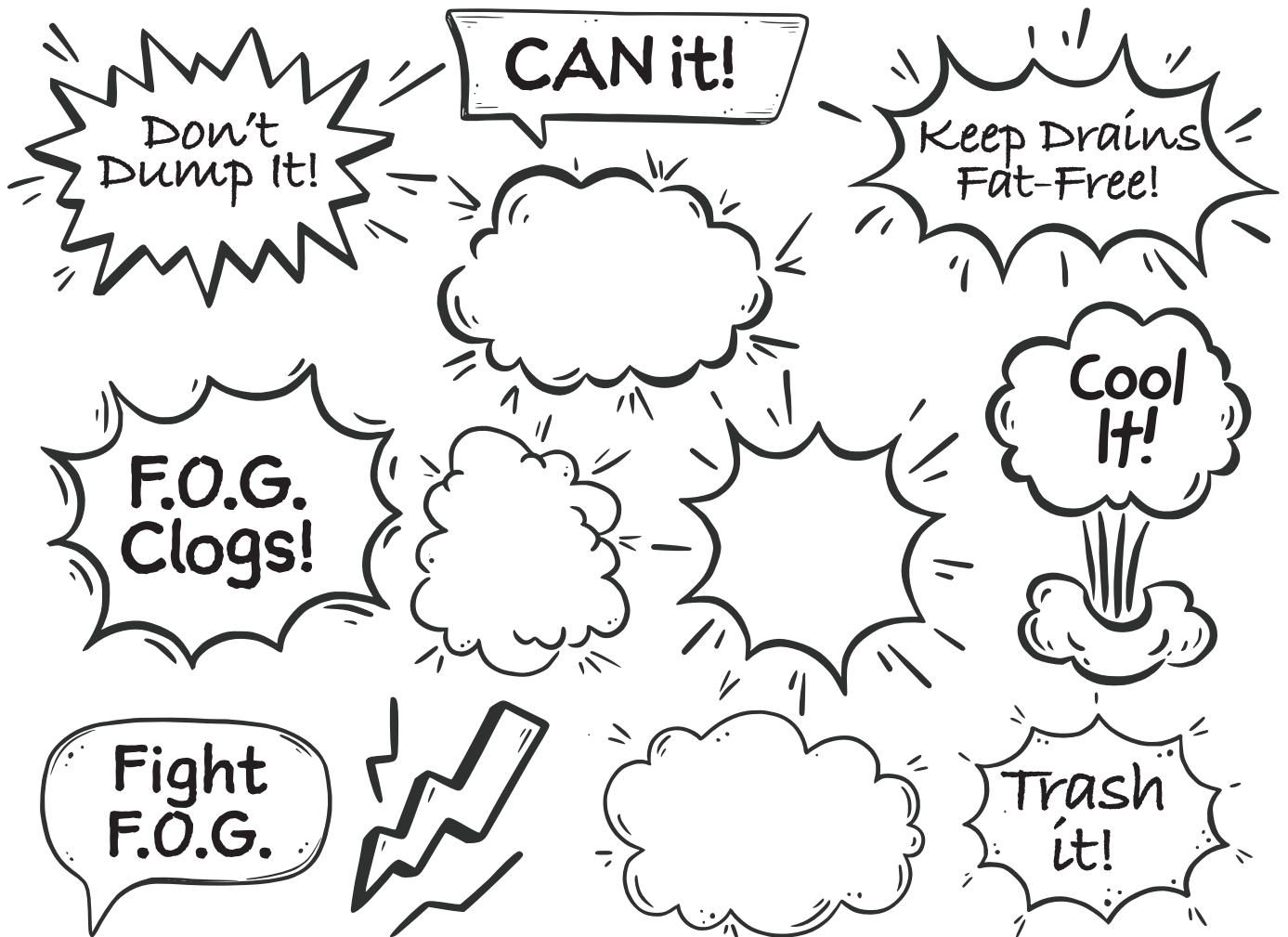
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# Make-Your-Own FOG Can continued

## INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Print out the FOG Can label from the first page.
2. Cut along the dotted line. If it's too big, trim the paper.
3. Decorate your label BEFORE sticking it on the can. Add some of the “stickers” below and color them in. Draw your own illustrations and write your own labels if you like.
4. Wrap the decorated label around your can and use tape to stick it in place.
5. Bring your can home or give it to a relative. Tell family and friends why it's important to dispose of FOG in the trash or compost, not down the drain:
  - a. **FOG causes clogs!** Clogs are bad for pipes and sewers.
  - b. **Clogged sewers can cause water pollution.** This harms animal habitats.
  - c. **Use FOG Cans to help keep our pipes and waterways clean.**



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