

BC City Connection

Bi-monthly newsletter for the Battle Creek community



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Avoiding the FOG in the city sewer system

FOG is a liquid or solid material made of most **f**at, **o**il, or **g**rease. Sources include meat fats, lard, cooking oil, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, sauces, and dairy products, to name a few.

FOG is the leading cause of sanitary sewer backups and overflows. These can cause health hazards, damage homes, and threaten the environment. Grease sticks to the inside of our sewer pipes, and eventually blocks the entire pipe.

Some tips:

- Sanitary sewer systems are designed to handle only **3** waste products - used water, human body waste, and toilet paper.
- Collect grease in a container and throw it in the trash.
- Scrape grease and food scraps from plates, pots, utensils, grills, and other places into a can or directly into a trash bag for proper disposal.
- Place a trash can in the bathroom to dispose of items like diapers, wipes, and personal hygiene products.
- Use a backflow prevention device as needed, which prevents contamination from entering the drinking water system.
- **DON'T** pour grease, fats, or cooking oils down the drain.
- **DON'T** use the sewer to dispose of food scraps. Compost these outside, or throw them in the trash.
- **DON'T** flush wipes of any kind - none are actually "flushable" - or paper towels or rags.

Questions? Contact our Waste Water Treatment Plant at 269-966-3513 or publicinput@battlecreekmi.gov.

Please help us avoid the FOG!

We regularly clean areas in the sewer system that experience frequent clogs, and have a 10-year sewer maintenance/inspection program.



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2020 Census Day is April 1 - be counted!

The goal of the census is to count every living person in the U.S., only once, in the right place.

Please help us make sure everyone in Battle Creek is counted - Battle Creek counts!

Look for more information from the city - and others in the community - starting now and leading up to the U.S. Census Bureau's designated Census Day, on April 1.

Everyone will receive a letter about the census survey starting in March, with a link to complete it online for the first time. Some also will receive the paper survey automatically. You also can request a paper survey.

We encourage everyone to complete the census. It happens every 10 years, and determines the number of seats each state has in Congress, draws boundaries for voting districts, and determines how over \$675 billion is spent in our local communities each year.

Watch for more stories about how this impacts Battle Creek - for example, we receive federal funds each year to address housing, blight, and other community development needs.

This is hugely important in our community, and Battle Creek automatically receives some of these funds because our population is over 50,000.

Please complete your census form, be counted, and help Battle Creek stay #50Kstrong!!

Watch for our new local census logo for more information, and visit 2020census.gov.



Important dates

See more on the online city calendar at battlecreekmi.gov.

City Commission - 7 p.m., City Hall - March 3 & 17, April 14 & 21

2020 Census CCC - City Hall - 9 a.m. March 12 & April 14, 4 p.m. March 24 & April 28

Planning Commission - 4 p.m., City Hall - March 25, April 22

Yard waste curbside pickup, city limits only - March 30 to Dec. 4

Recyclerama - for all in Calhoun County - 9 a.m.-1 p.m. April 4, Bailey Park. Accepted items include Styrofoam #6, eyeglasses, electronics, medications. More at calhouncountyrecycling.com.

City offices closed - Good Friday - April 10

City Commission - 2017-2020

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