Like human arteries, the pipes in your house and the city's sanitary sewer system won't work if they are clogged. Fortunately, most clogged pipes are 100% preventable. The first step is to prevent fats, oil, grease (FOG) and "flushable wipes" from getting in the pipes to begin with.

Avoid costly sewer backups:

- Put cooking grease, butter and fats in the trash or pour them into a coffee can. Freeze the can, then toss it in the trash.
- Wipe greasy pots and dishes with a paper towel before washing them
- Never pour cooking grease down the sink
- Cleaning wipes and baby wipes don’t dissolve, and can clog your plumbing, and sewer lines
- Even “flushable” and “disposable” wipes can cause sewer clogs
- Be kind to your plumbing - throw used wipes and hygiene items in the trash, not in the toilet