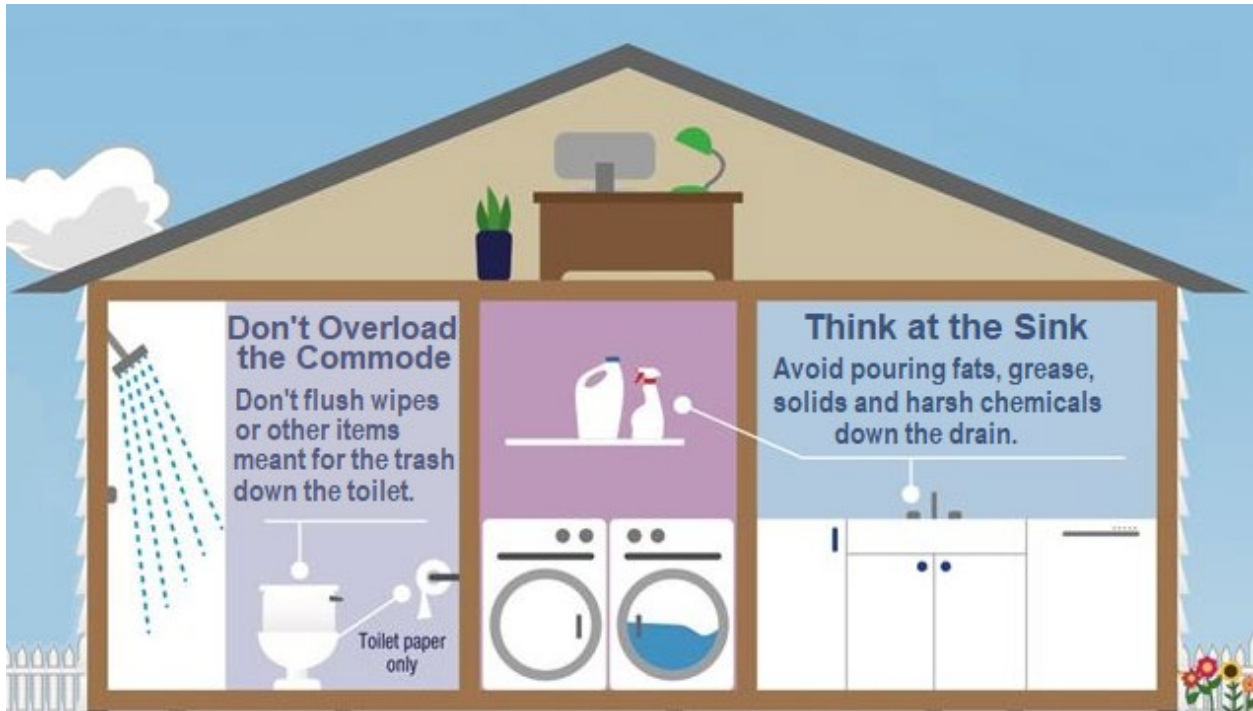


# Campus Drain Care



**Drinking fountains, sinks and toilets are not garbage cans or disposals!** Do not dump food or debris into these areas. Drain lines are 2" (or less) in diameter and can become plugged.

## Toilets:

- Do not flush *anything* except toilet paper down toilets. All other items, place in the trash can.
- Toilet plugged? Push plunger gently down to create the seal, then pull up quickly to clear. Rinse plunger with a fresh flush of water when clear.
- Water running and won't stop? Turn off water at the valve underneath and then call Plant Services (during business hours) or Campus Public Safety (after hours). Post a paper notice to alert others.
- Handle doesn't flush the toilet or the toilet keeps running? Check inside the upper tank to see if the chain is attached and the flapper is fully closed. The tank water is clean, so you can reach inside.

## Showers & Bathtubs:

- Clear hair out of the drain after each use.
- If the bathtub is slow to drain, check the stopper to make sure it is fully open. Jiggle the stopper gently and check for debris such as hair or small pieces of soap. Throw away any items blocking the drain.

## Sinks:

- Do not pour oils or grease down sinks. Allow food grease to solidify in the cooking pan, wipe out the pan with a paper towel and throw the grease in the lined trash can. Take out trash to avoid pests.
- Do not toss coffee grounds in the sink. Empty strainers into trash cans and wipe out with a paper towel to get as many grounds as you can out of the container before washing the strainer in the sink.
- Do not toss egg shells, seeds or food into the sink or toilet. Toss these items into the lined trash can and remove to outside trash bin to discourage pests.

If you cannot get the clog to clear, contact Plant Services (or Campus Public Safety after business hours). Do *not* use harsh chemicals on clogs such as drain cleaners. Contrary to television commercial claims, drain cleaners will *not* clear clogs and *will* cause further damage to pipes and chemical injuries to the plumber.