



# MARINE CORPS BASE CAMP PENDLETON

WATER RESOURCES DIVISION (WRD)

Wastewater Source Control Pretreatment Program

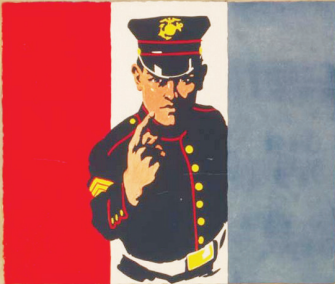
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## MARINES TRAIN IN WHAT GOES DOWN THE DRAIN

**THE  
U.S. MARINES**



**NEED  
YOUR HELP!**

Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton needs YOUR help to ensure efficient and effective operation of our sewage treatment plants!



### YOUR HELP MATTERS!

**F**amilies and Marines  
aboard Camp Pendleton  
play a vital role in  
environmental protection.

**T**he Best Management Practices (BMPs) described in this brochure will help us improve environmental quality, protect public health, and focus resources where they are needed most.

By following a few simple guidelines, you can help us promote the Base's reputation as a responsible steward of the environment.

Working together, we can ensure  
a better environment, and  
a cleaner ocean for all!



Camp Pendleton operates several sewage treatment plants with **sensitive treatment processes** that can be disrupted by contaminants such as grease and household chemicals introduced through plumbing.

**Left unchecked, contaminants can end up in our local waters where they endanger wildlife and public health.**



Furthermore, treatment **cannot** degrade items such as diapers, so-called "flushable" wipes, latex, or feminine hygiene products. Along with kitchen grease, such products can also clog pipes.



**Clogged pipes lead to overflows of untreated sewage in housing and environmentally sensitive areas.**

For general questions, contact Water Resources Division (WRD) at 760-846-4392.



**To report a sewage spill, call:**

**(760) 725-4324**



## IN THE KITCHEN

The kitchen is the source of many sewer backups and overflows on Base.

**Fats, oils, and cooking grease (FOG) used in the kitchen will coat and cling to the insides of sewer pipes.** Using soaps, degreasers, or hot water to flush FOG down the drain only pushes the problem further down the pipe where it eventually solidifies, creating blockages that result in an overflow of raw sewage.

You can help us limit the amount of grease that enters the sewer system, reduce the potential for sewage spills, and keep the Base's treatment plants in good working order!

**DO:** Pour grease into a used non-recyclable container, such as a milk carton, then dispose of it in the garbage.



**DON'T:** Pour vegetable oil, fats, or grease down the drain!

## RECOMMENDATIONS...

- ✓ Wipe dishes, pots & pans coated with greasy residue using a disposable towel.
- ✓ Scrape food scraps and grease into the garbage prior to washing.
- ✓ Place screens over sink drains. Dispose of food scraps in the garbage instead of using your disposal unit.



## IN THE BATHROOM

You'd be surprised by what we find in the sewer. People will try to flush just about anything down the toilet, causing sewer overflows.

**Please dispose of trash and personal hygiene products including disposable wipes (even if labeled "flushable"), diapers, latex, and feminine hygiene products in the trash.**

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE (HHW)

HHW includes anything that is **corrosive, reactive, toxic** or **flammable/ignitable**, such as:

- Paints, Thinners, Solvents, and Stains
- Glues, Adhesives, and Epoxies
- Harsh Cleaners and Bleach
- Herbicides and Pesticides
- Automobile, Lawnmower, and Other Engine Fluids



**DON'T:** Dispose of HHW down a sink or toilet!



**DON'T:** Flush baby wipes, paper towels, medications, or other objects down the toilet! Wipes clog pipes!

**DO:** Place a wastebasket in the bathroom to dispose of solid wastes.



## Unwanted/Expired MEDICATIONS

**DO:** Use **environmentally friendly** cleaners intended for household cleaning.



**USE LESS:** Use **just enough** to get the job done.

**ALWAYS:** Contact your district Housing Office for information on how and where to **properly dispose of HHW.**



## FAMILY HOUSING District Offices

Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm

**DeLuz** (760) 385-4835

**Del Mar** (760) 430-0040

**Mesa** (760) 385-5318

**Mountain** (760) 430-8476

**San Onofre** (949) 940-9178

**Stuart Mesa** (760) 430-0694

**Some medications cannot be broken down by sewage treatment.**

Once flushed down the drain, they can end up in the ocean, causing harmful effects on the marine environment.

Unfortunately, medications that end up in landfills can also leach into the environment, causing pollution.

The San Diego County Sheriff's Department has

## FREE DROP-BOXES

throughout the County where residents can drop off unused medications for proper disposal. To find a location near you, please call (858) 974-2222 or visit <https://www.sdsheriff.gov/community/prescription-drug-drop-off>

