HOUSTON **PUBLIC WORKS**

PROTECT OUR PIPES

Help keep fats, oils, grease, and other items from going down the drain.

WHAT IS A **SEWER OVERFLOW?**

A sewer overflow is a backup of untreated wastewater. It can cause costly damage to your property and harm our health and the environment. **MOST** sewer overflows **ARE PREVENTABLE.**

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The approximate number of sewer overflows caused by clogs from grease and wipes in Houston.

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The number of days a year Houston Public Works responds to reports of sewer overflows.

\$2,500

The cost to homeowners in plumbing repairs and fines from a sewer overflow. In some cases, costs are even higher.



THE AMOUNT OF **SEWER OVERFLOWS**

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occur during the holiday season due to a significant increase of grease clogs.

If each Houston resident poured **TABLESPOON OF GREASE**

down the drain, it would fill up an **OLYMPIC-SIZED POOL** every week.



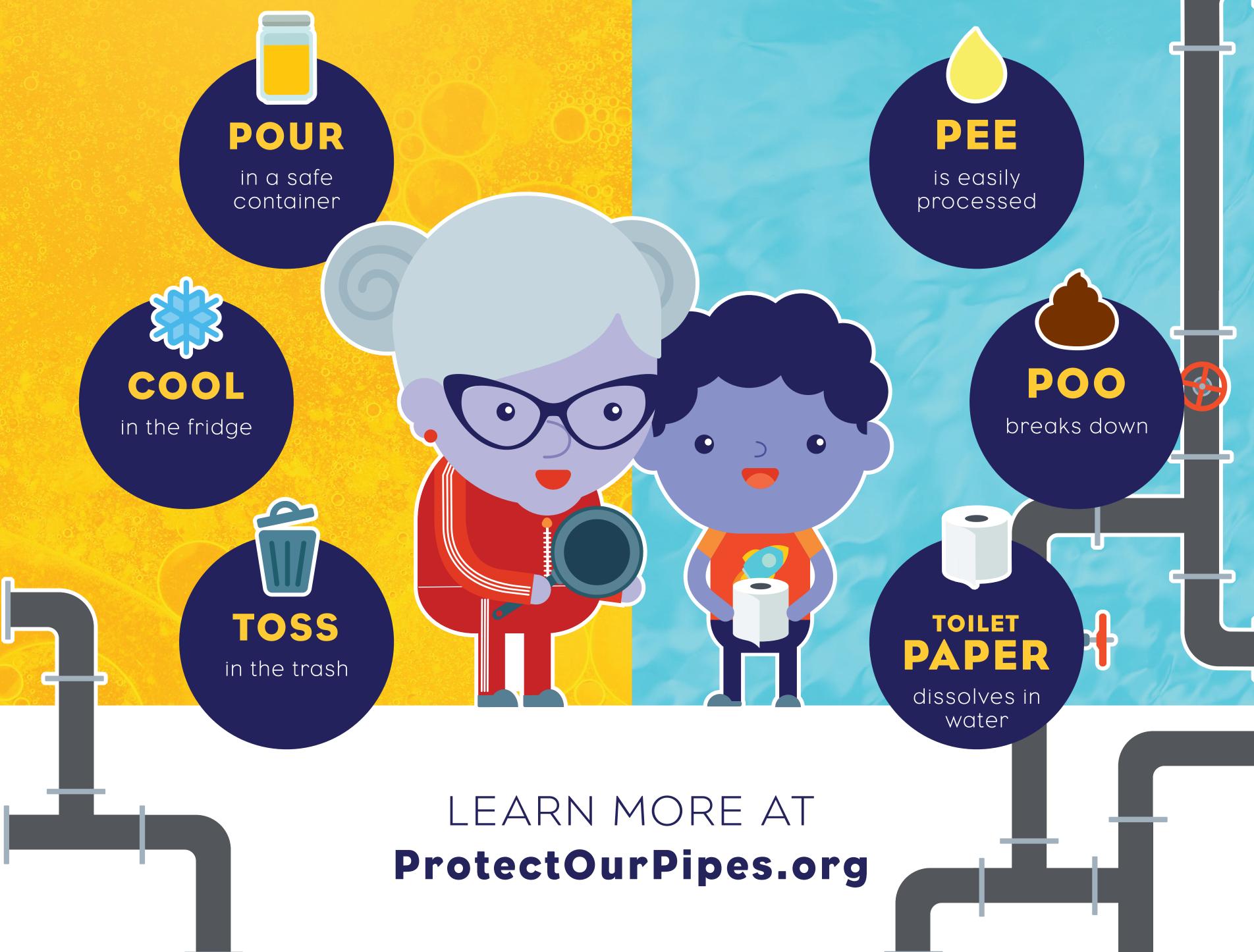
SEWER OVERFLOWS CAN MAKE YOU SICK





Contact with raw wastewater can cause many different types of illness, including symptoms similar to food poisoning.

CREASE CLOCS PIPES Put Crease in its Place



WIPES CLOC PIPES Only Flush the 3 P's

