

## Village of Merrimac, Tips of the Month--May 2013

### VILLAGE SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM:

**Please NEVER pour used cooking oil or deep fryer grease down the drain.** Even small amounts will eventually clog your plumbing. Instead, pour cooled fryer oil/grease into a newspaper-lined container and place the newspaper in your trash. Oils and grease that are poured down drains while hot/warm will clump and solidify, clinging to the insides of pipes and sanitary equipment, constricting flow and leading to clogged plumbing. Recycle larger volumes of used cooking oil whenever possible. By doing this simple practice you will not only protect your home's sewer system from expensive repairs, but you will also help keep your community's valuable sanitary sewer system functioning properly for a longer period of time and at less cost.

**Please DO NOT FLUSH FEMININE PRODUCTS, plastics and wrappers.** Recently one of our Village Lift Stations contained up to six inches of these products. Flushing non-sewer items often causes expensive damage to pumps and other equipment. Thank you for your efforts to keep our maintenance and replacement costs to a minimum.