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# Home Matters

## Recognize National Poison Prevention Week at Home

Since 1961, the third week of March has been recognized as National Poison Prevention Week. This campaign focuses on teaching communities about the dangers of possible poisonings.

### Tips to Poison-proof Your Home

Many common household items and tasks involve the use and storage of potentially poisonous materials. Handling them responsibly is crucial, especially if you have children or pets.

Consider the following tips:

- Store cleaning products, disinfectants and other chemicals in locked or elevated cabinets, away from food or beverages.
- Store medications, drugs and alcohol in areas where children cannot reach them and make sure you dispose of them appropriately.
- Limit the use of pesticides, pest-control traps and chemicals, or opt for alternative methods altogether.
- Have your home tested for structure-related poisons, such as lead and asbestos and remediate any issues promptly.

Contact us today for more home safety resources.

### Preventing Sewer Backups

Sewer backups can cause significant water damage and may lead to expensive losses. Financially protect yourself from these situations by considering the following tips:

1. Never put coffee grounds, fat or grease down your drain. Instead, dispose of them in the trash.
2. Avoid flushing anything but toilet paper, as other products may not degrade and could cause clogs.
3. Run water whenever you use your garbage disposal to help food waste drain properly.
4. Install a backwater prevention valve on your sewer line.
5. Hire a qualified professional to inspect your plumbing regularly.
6. Add sewer backup coverage to your home insurance policy.

Contact us for more information.