

Dear Devotees,

Sri Ganesha Temple was established to do religious pujas strictly as per the Agama Shastras. In light of the mission statement, we are continuing to be one of the few temples in the DFW area, if not the ONLY TEMPLE to do abhishekam and homas to the deities daily.

We use all the dravyas (supplies) prescribed in the Shastras to perform each abhishekam to the deity in the temple. However, this has resulted in devotees bringing all supplies such as milk, yogurt, honey, ghee and fruit juices in excess quantities for the abhishekam. (Ex: for a Pradosham puja we get five or six bottles of honey, 10 gallons of milk, etc)

In order, not to disappoint any individual devotee, we continue to use the dravyas (supplies) during each abhishekam. The temple has to spend significant amount of money to flush the pipes with hot water for long time after each abhishekam to prevent clogging and aslo periodically use other cleaning agents to keep the stench from the drains permeating the temple. The dravyas (supplies) are entering into the City drain from the temple's drainage system.

The temple management is exploring ways to solve the problem at the source. It is imperative on our part to minimize use of dravyas (supplies) and at the same time, continue to follow the tradition of abhishekam. There is overwhelming support from our priests and devotees to minimize the impact of the problem with a cost effective solution.

The HTNT is grateful to devotees who bring the dravyas (supplies) for Abhishekam. We request you to bring the dravyas in **limited quantities**. (For eg. a half gallon bottle of milk) Also please be assured that if we do not use the dravyas (supplies) during the particular abhishekam, we **do not discard** the supplies but use them during the next abhishekam.

Please also note, the abhishekam sponsorship amount includes the supplies, and the devotee **need not bring** any supplies separately. We strongly encourage you to sponsor abhishekam to the deity of

your choice under the excellent Ganesha Family Sponsorship Scheme.

With your support, we would be saving money on water, gas and cleaning supplies, as well as, be a responsible citizen of the City of Plano and not dump supplies in to the city's drainage system.

Thanks for your support as always,

Sri Ganesha Temple Management.