

Please, Don't Flush **TRASH!**



Put it in the trash can, recycle bin, or compost—don't put it in the toilet!

Even if a product label claims that an item is "flushable," products like dental floss, tampon applicators, disposable wipes and kitty litter are clogging our sanitary sewer system. Damage to our lines, pumps, and equipment not only means expensive fixes, but possible sewer overflows and back-ups which can cause health hazards, damage to home interiors, and threats to the environment. If it isn't toilet paper or from your body, put it in the trash instead of in the toilet.



- Drains, toilets, and trash cans are not all the same. Disposing of trash down drains and toilets can lead to sewer overflows and back-ups that can cause harm to your health and the environment.

When disposing of trash

IN THE KITCHEN



Too often, grease is washed into the plumbing system, usually through the kitchen sink. Grease adheres to the insides of the sewer pipes (both on your property and in the streets). Over time, the grease can build up and block the entire pipe. Always scrape grease and food scraps from dishes, utensils, pots, pans, and grills into a can or the trash for disposal or recycling.



- Don't put grease, fats, or oil of any type down your drains or garbage disposal
- Don't put produce stickers down the drain
- Do scrape grease and food scraps from cooking surfaces into a container to put into the trash can or compost
- Do use baskets or strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids and empty them into the trash or compost

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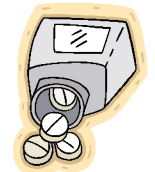
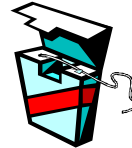
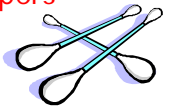
IN THE BATHROOM

Think *trash...not* toilet. These items belong in the trash can.



Please, DO NOT FLUSH:

- Bandages and bandage wrappers
- Cleaning wipes
- Coffee grounds
- Condoms
- Cotton balls, cotton swabs & pads
- Dental floss/teeth whitening strips
- Disposable diapers, nursing pads & baby wipes
- Expired/unused prescription medications or OTC medications
- Fabrics
- Facial wipes
- Grease
- Kitty litter/fish tank gravel
- Maxi-pads
- Tampons & applicators



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