



What You Flush Matters

20 Things Never to Flush Down the Toilet

- Wipes
- Bandages
- Cotton balls or Q-tips
- Catheters
- Wrappers
- Feminine hygiene products
- Facial tissues
- Test strips
- Gum
- Dryer sheets
- Kitty litter
- Medications or supplements
- Cleaners or disinfectants
- Cigarette butts
- Dental floss
- Diapers
- Hair
- Paper towels
- Hypodermic needles
- Cooking grease

It's a Toilet, Not a Trash Can

Flush Only Human Waste and Toilet Paper

- Disposable wipes can clog pipes even when packaging advertises that they are flushable.
- Many of the items in the list above do not properly break down in water, causing a mess at sewer treatment plants.
- These items are thicker than toilet paper and easily get caught in pipes and sewers. Flushing these items can create costly plumbing problems.

Keep Your Home and Environment Healthy

Never Flush Meds or Chemicals

- Medications and chemicals, if not disposed of properly, can harm streams, rivers, and oceans.
- Medications should not be flushed or poured down the drain. They should be taken to one of the cities drug drop off locations or disposed of in your weekly trash.
- Unwanted household cleaning or disinfecting products can be brought to the next [household hazardous waste day](#).