



What You Flush Matters

21 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
- Hair
- Cleaners or disinfectants
- Cigarette butts
- Dental floss
- Diapers
- Medications or supplements
- Paper towels
- Hypodermic needles
- Cooking grease
- Contact lenses

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. These items are thicker than toilet paper and easily get caught in pipes and sewers causing costly plumbing repairs.
- Cooking oils and grease stick to pipes and cause clogs and backups. Grease does not dissolve in water.
- Many of the items in the list above do not properly break down and can cause blockages and a mess in your home, in the streets and at sewer treatment plants.

Keep Your Home and Environment Healthy

Never Flush Meds of 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 contact your local pharmacy for disposal.
- Unwanted household cleaning or disinfecting products can be brought to the next [household hazardous waste day](#).