

DON'T FLUSH THAT!

Even things that are labeled "flushable" can cause problems in sewer systems. Flushable toilet brushes and mop heads? Put them in the trash!

DON'T FLUSH THAT!!!:

- Paper towels
- Wipes (even flushable ones)
- Cloth or paper rags
- Condoms
- Feminine hygiene products
- Diapers
- Kitty litter
- Cigarette butts
- Dental floss
- Latex gloves
- Hypodermic needles
- Facial tissues
- Grease/fats
- Gas
- Oil
- Solvents
- Anti-freeze
- Paints
- Dirty water from washing cars
- Sewage from septic tanks
- Pesticides
- Herbicides
- Food wrappers
- Cleaning sponges
- Toys



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PROTECT YOUR SEWER, PROTECT YOUR ENVIRONMENT

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*What to Flush
&
What Not to Flush*



WHAT TO FLUSH

Sewers are designed to take our wastewater and carry it safely to a treatment plant. But other items often get flushed and can create problems. We all need to keep things flowing through the sewer. Poop, pee and toilet paper? Okay. Everything else? Put it in the trash or recycle.

Here's a quick quiz:

1. Do you want to keep raw sewage from backing up into your home?
2. Would you like to keep sewage from bubbling out of the manhole in the street outside?
3. When you flush your toilet, would you rather see the water go down instead of overflowing?

If you answered yes to any of these, then don't use your toilet as a trash can!

NOT CONVINCED? TRY THIS SIMPLE TEST

Take a square of toilet paper, put it in a jar of water and swish it gently with a stick. The toilet paper quickly disintegrates, just as it would in a sewer.

Now try the same thing with a baby wipe. It doesn't break apart and, in fact, the things are pretty near indestructible in a sewer system! Try the same thing with a paper towel.

Remember, just because it goes down when you flush, that doesn't mean it's not going to cause a problem. Below is a picture of baby wipes from the sewer.



Shop rags and paper.



WHY YOU SHOULD CARE

Sewer blockages can cause all of these:

1. Plugged and overflowing toilets.
2. Poorly draining sinks and showers.
3. Raw sewage backing up through your drain.
4. Manholes overflowing onto the ground or into nearby surface waters.
5. Health hazards and nuisance odors.
6. Increases in the city's maintenance costs.
7. Costly maintenance and repair bills for you.

Below is section of pipe plugged with



The cord between these 2 ear plugs is wrapped around rags. Dental floss does the same thing.

