

WHAT NOT TO FLUSH DOWN THE TOILET, POUR INTO THE KITCHEN SINK OR DUMP DOWN THE STORM DRAIN

Feminine Products

Tampons, including their applicators and packaging, and other feminine hygiene products do not break down in the system when flushed and can clog your plumbing.

Cooking Grease/Food

Grease should never be poured down any drain, period. It may look like a liquid while warm, but it will congeal and clog up your pipes when cooled. Collect your grease in a container and throw it in the trash, or save the grease for other uses.

Q-tips/Cotton Balls

Cotton does not break down although some toilet paper is made from cotton linen. It will clump together, causing stoppages at bends in the pipes.

Dental Floss

Floss can wrap around other items in the waste stream such as hair, toilet paper, wipes etc., risking a bigger chance of a plug in your system

Diapers

Diapers are made to expand when exposed to liquid. In the unlikely event you actually get the diaper to flush, it can swell and get caught in the U-bend of the pipes.

Baby Wipes/Wet Wipes/ Flushable Wipes

These wipes are becoming increasingly popular. They also increasingly cause clogs and backups in sewage pipes across the country. Although some brands might say they are flushable on the box, groups are revising the guidelines. Soon, all wet wipes will have a noticeable "DO NOT FLUSH" symbol on the packaging. If you must use these, throw them away in the trash can. Flushing them can easily turn into an expensive mistake when you have to call a plumber to snake your toilet

Paper Towels/Tissues

Paper towels and facial tissues do not break down like toilet paper when flushed and often contain oil or harmful chemicals. This might lead to a plugged sewer pipe. It's best to throw paper towels and facial tissue in the trash

Pills

You may think it is a good idea to flush your unwanted pills to keep them out of reach of children and pets or to prevent drug theft, but this strategy does more harm than good. Pills have toxic effects on groundwater supplies and wildlife. There are many community based "Drug Take Back" events. Please check with your community to find more information on these events, or ask local pharmacies.

Cigarette Butts

Cigarettes are full of toxic chemicals that end up going straight into the groundwater supply. If you smoke, snuff them out and throw the butts away properly.

Pesticides and Herbicides Disposal/Recycling

These products are poisonous to humans, pets and wildlife. They should never be burned, buried, dumped on the ground or in water, or poured down the drain. Use the product according to label directions and store until it can be used or taken to a hazardous materials collection program.

Oil Based Paint

The residue is harmful and can cause major plugs. Use up according to label instructions, give to someone who can use it, or take to a hazardous material collection program.

Latex Paint

Latex paint is no longer considered a hazardous waste and may be discarded in household trash when completely dry and hard. Leave lids off the can so trash haulers can see the paint is dry. For small amounts, open the can and allow it to air dry. For large amounts, add kitty litter, stir and allow to dry; or pour a thin layer (about one inch) of paint into a cardboard box lined with plastic. Allow to dry. Continue layering and drying one layer at a time until all the paint has hardened.