

PLUMBING – WHAT NOT TO FLUSH

Avoid Drain Pain – Don't Flush These Things

Just because the package says flushable doesn't mean it's true. Many items marketed as disposable and/or flushable do not degrade like toilet paper, and they wind up clogging pipes, tangling pumps and causing messy sewer backups into streets, and homes.

Our sewers are designed to dispose of very specific things. Using your toilet for disposal of many modern products can result in blockages. The drains that connect your home to the main sewer are only big enough to carry water, toilet paper and human waste. Sewer pipes are often no wider than 4 inches.

WHAT NOT TO FLUSH

- Diapers – cloth, disposable, flushable
- Paper towels
- Facial tissues
- Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, etc.
- Toilet bowl scrub pads
- Swiffers
- Napkins – paper or cloth, paper towels
- Dental floss
- Egg shells, nutshells and coffee grounds
- Fats, oils, and greases
- Food items containing seeds and peelings
- Hair
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms or any non-organic material
- Vitamins, medicines or other pharmaceuticals
- Wash cloths, towels, rags (any cloth item)
- Clothing
- Sheet plastic or plastic of any kind
- Hair products such as bobby pins, foils etc....
- Cups
- Qtips
- Children's toys

SO WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Avoid purchasing flushable items. Clean with a sponge or a rag that you can reuse.
- **NEVER** discard hazardous materials such as used motor oil, antifreeze, etc.,
- If it can't be reused, recycled or composted, please place it in the garbage.