

What Not to Flush

Just because the package says "flushable" doesn't mean it's true. Items advertised 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, businesses and homes.

Sewers are designed to dispose of very specific things. Using your toilet for disposal of many modern products will 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 - often no wider than 4 inches.

WHAT NOT TO FLUSH:

- Baby wipes
- Disinfectant wipes
- Moist wipes, etc.
- Diapers (cloth, disposable, "flushable")
- Facial tissues
- Toilet bowl scrub pads Swiffer's
- Napkins (paper or cloth)
- paper towels
- Dental floss
- Egg shells
- Nutshells
- Coffee grounds
- Fats, oils, and greases
- Food items containing seeds and peelings
- Hair
- Sanitary napkins/tampons
- Condoms
- Vitamins
- Medicines
- Other pharmaceuticals
- Wash cloths
- Towels
- Rags (any cloth item)
- Clothing
- Sheet plastic
- Plastic - any kind
- Cigarette butts

What should be flushed?

Just toilet paper and human waste

What about wet wipes?

If you must use a "wet wipe" type of product these should be disposed of in the garbage, **not** down the toilet. While flushable wipes packaging says that it will disintegrate like toilet paper, that is generally not accurate, and these items can cause sewage backups.