

# Toilets are not Trashcans!

Toilets are only for one activity. When the wrong thing is flushed, results can include costly backups on your property or problems at your local Wastewater Plant. This is why its so important to flush only your personal contributions to the local wastewater treatment plant.

**Flushing wipes and other garbage** down the toilet wastes water and create sewer backups and overflows. This can cause backups in the public sewer pipes and at the wastewater treatment plant and related costs can be passed on to the ratepayer, THAT'S YOU. Even if its label reads "flushable" you are still safer and more environmentally correct to place the item in a trashcan. AND..... because homeowners are responsible for their sewer laterals to the main line, improper flushing can cost YOU money. YOU PLUG IT...YOU PAY FOR IT.

**AND THERE'S MORE....**

Whatever ends up in your toilet can potentially impact the water environment, so it's really important to keep household wastes such as cleaners, pharmaceutical products, paint thinners, stay out of toilets and drains and dispose of them properly.

## **DON'T FLUSH ANY ITEMS LIKE:**

Aquarium gravel	kitty litter	Baby wipes and diapers
Chunks of garbage	cigarette butts	Cleaning sponges
Clothing labels	Coffee Grinds	Condoms
Corrosive substances that are either acid or caustic		Cotton swabs
Disposable toilet brushes	Egg Shells	Hair
Feminine hygiene products	Paper products	plastic items
Flammable or explosive substances		flushable cat litter
Motor oil, transmission fluids, anti-freeze or other toxic chemicals		
Medications	Rags and towels	Rubber items
Sanitary napkins	Solvents	Syringes

**Bottom line: Using common sense can save our sewer customers tax dollars.**