



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, 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

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.

This is what happens if you flush things other than toilet paper.



