

Environmental Tips on what NOT to put down the toilet, drain or garbage disposal.

In order to prevent costly blockages, please refrain from dumping or flushing the following items down your toilet, sink, drainpipe or garbage disposal:

- Fats, oils or grease from cooking or machinery, like cars or lawnmowers.
- Coffee grounds
- Eggshells
- Personal or baby, flushable wipes.
- Tampons and other personal hygiene products.
- Condoms
- Facial tissues
- Paper Towels
- Cleaning wipes and rags
- Dental floss
- Cat Litter
- Prescription Drugs
- Cotton balls or cotton swabs (Q-Tips)
- Cigarette butts
- Needles or sharps Produce stickers
- Flammable or explosive substances

Why is this a problem?

Any of the above mentioned items that you put down your toilet or drain pipe has the potential to cause blockages or plugging of equipment in both the public sewer and your own private drain. This can lead to:

- Raw sewage overflowing in your home, yard or street;
- An expensive and unpleasant clean up;
- Potential contact with disease-causing organisms;
- Increased pollution due to sewage spills caused by blockages in the sewer collection system;
- Increased cost to operate and maintain your local sewer, which can cause increases in sewer rates to the local customers.

Pump covered in 'disposable wipes rendering it inoperable and needing costly repairs.



Clogged with 'disposable' wipes – again needing expensive maintenance repairs.



Pipes get clogged with kitchen waste and fats that solidify and build up.

