

What to Flush?

Important reminder!

Cleaning/disinfectant wipes, facial tissues, disposable gloves, and paper towels all go in the garbage. Please prevent sewer backups. Only flush toilet paper and human waste.

Here is a simple truth, sewer systems were designed to handle two things – human waste and toilet paper. Flushing anything else down the toilet can cause big problems for pipes and wastewater treatment facilities.

Wipes – and yes, even those labeled “flushable” – have been enemy number one of sewer systems for years now. Lately, wipes have been flying off the shelves. Flushing wipes increases the chances that your own pipes will get blocked, and causes serious problems for the sewer system in general. So no matter what the container says, please do not flush wipes.

Ever experienced a clogged toilet or sewer backup? If so, you know it's not only unpleasant, but can also cost time and money. To avoid clogs and backups remember:

Flush:

- Only toilet paper
- Human waste

Do not flush:

- Wipes of any kind (even if labeled flushable)
- Facial Tissues
- Disposable menstrual products
- Condoms
- Diapers
- Dental Floss
- Paper Towels
- Medications*

Unused/expired medications can be dropped off in the Police Department lobby (207 N Holly Ave) in the drug drop off box

If it's not toilet paper, [it doesn't break down](#). Trash flushed down toilets not only puts ***your pipes at risk***, but is also an increasing problem for the city's sewer system and equipment, and can lead to sewage overflows into local waters.

What can you do?

- Flush only toilet paper at home and in public restrooms;
- Keep a lidded trash bin in your bathroom; and
- If you must use disposable wipes, do not flush them (even if the packaging says flushable).