


PROTECT

THE PIPES



When you flush your toilet, any material flushed leaves your home through pipes that connect to The City's wastewater system. When materials that aren't supposed to be flushed enter this system, it can create big problems.

Toilet paper easily breaks down in water so it rarely causes blockages; however, other materials may not break down and can plug the pipes causing backups and flooded basements.

Avoid a costly cleanup. Help prevent blockages by flushing only pee, poo and toilet paper.



Products that can block the wastewater system, cause a sewer backup or damage the wastewater treatment plant, should not be flushed.

UNFLUSHABLE ITEMS

(and where to put them):



Black Cart Items

- Baby, makeup and cleaning wipes (even if they are labelled flushable)
- Disposable diapers
- Feminine hygiene products
- Cotton balls and cotton swabs
- Bandages and medical wrappings
- Dental floss
- Disposable toilet brushes
- Condoms
- Hair
- Fats, oils and cooking grease



Green Cart Items

- Facial tissue, food-soaked paper towel
- Vegetable and fruit scraps
- Cat litter
- Toothpicks

Other Disposals

- Pharmaceuticals (take to local pharmacy)
- Needles and sharps (take to local pharmacy)
- Paint, motor oil, paint thinner (take to the Waste Management Facility for safe disposal)

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