



Flushing the wrong stuff down the toilet can lead to costly home plumbing repairs and sewer backups. It also wreaks havoc with MSD’s sewers and treatment plants.

So keep your money in your pocket and your sewer rates as low as possible by learning “What Not To Flush.”



Wet wipes: Wet wipes do not break down in water like toilet paper and can wrap around equipment or mix with fats, oils, and grease to clog pipes. Dispose of wet wipes in the trash.



Personal hygiene items: Items such as tampons, sanitary pads, condoms, diapers, dental floss, Q-tips, band-aids, etc. do not break down in water and can wrap around equipment. They can also end up in our local rivers. Yuck! Dispose of hygiene items in the trash.



Medication: Many drugs aren’t removed by traditional wastewater treatment, so can contaminate local water supplies. Dispose of medication in the trash or find a medication “take back” program.



Kitty litter: Regular kitty litter expands in water, which can lead to clogged pipes. All kitty litter, even the “flushable” kind, poses a potential public health risk due to parasites in the cat waste. Dispose of kitty litter in the trash.



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