

SEWER DO'S AND DON'TS

Our Wastewater Team works tirelessly to serve the community's sewer processing needs: from providing wastewater hookups and services, maintaining service lines, processing sewage, and responding to wastewater emergencies. There are things YOU can do to help support our Wastewater team in maintaining the system and processing sewage.

REMEMBER THE *THREE Ps RULE*:

THE ONLY THINGS YOU SHOULD FLUSH ARE PEE, POOP, AND TOILET PAPER.

THINGS YOU SHOULD NEVER FLUSH OR POUR DOWN THE DRAIN:

1. **Sanitary products:** Paper towels, facial tissues, wipes, diapers, baby wipes.
2. **Fats, oils, and grease (FOG):** clog pipes and harden over time, causing backups.
3. **Prescription and OTC medications:** only dispose via drug take-back programs.
4. **Kitty litter:** even “flushable” types can clog pipes and carry parasites.
5. **Hazardous materials:** Motor oil, pesticides, paint, solvents, toxic products
6. **Food waste, coffee grounds, eggshells, hair, dental floss:** clog pipes and are hard to remove.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

Even if your pipes don't clog immediately, chemicals and non-biodegradable materials will:

1. Corrode pipes
2. Contaminate water treatment plants
3. Enter rivers, lakes, and oceans, harming wildlife

Bottom line: Follow the three Ps rule, avoid flushing anything else, and dispose of non-flushable items in the trash. This protects your plumbing, septic system, and the environment!