



# Think Before Flushing... “Unflushables”

Help prevent sewer backups in your home and neighbouring homes and businesses. Think before flushing any materials that aren't human waste or toilet paper!

Please do NOT pour or flush materials into the sanitary sewer lines that may stick together to form a blockage or damage pumps and underground infrastructure.

Most sewer backups occur when materials that DO NOT disintegrate are flushed into the sewer system. These materials will coat or become tangled inside the pipes and sewer mains, restricting the natural flow within the pipe and eventually causing sewer backup.



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The following is a list of “unflushables” that belong in the garbage, compost pile or HHW disposal; **not** the sanitary sewer system:

- » Wet wipes of any kind
- » Facial tissues
- » Toilet bowl scrub pads
- » Diapers
- » Feminine hygiene products
- » Coffee grounds, egg or nut shells
- » Hair, cotton balls or cotton swabs
- » Cigarette or cigar butts
- » Pharmaceuticals and medical sharps
- » Cat litter and deceased animals
- » Poisons and hazardous waste
- » Cell phones, jewelry and toys
- » Fats, Oils or Grease (FOG)

**This is by no means a complete list.**

Only non-hazardous materials that  
**break down immediately**  
belong in the sewer.

If you have questions, comments or for more information please contact us:

### **Environmental Utilities**

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