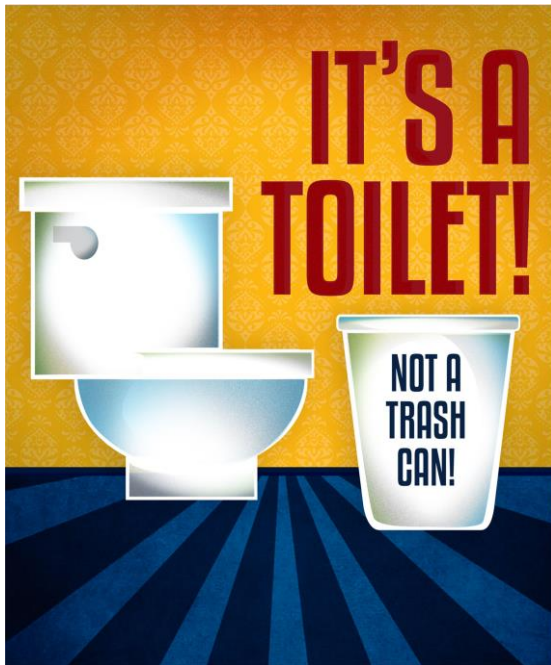


## What You Flush Matters



### What not to flush

- Diapers, Wipes or Personal Hygiene items
- Fat, Oil and Grease from cooking
- Medications or Supplements
- Plastic or Latex items
- Kitty Litter
- Needles
- Cigarette Butts
- Hair
- Paper Towels
- Dirt, Food and other Garbage larger than half an inch

## It's a toilet, not a trash can!

Only human waste, toilet paper, water and wash water with normal-strength water-soluble cleaning fluids should be disposed of in the City's sanitary sewer system.

Other items, even if they are small and even if the package says "flushable" should not be put down the toilet or drain. Some everyday items can cause messy and expensive problems for the plumbing in your home or building and in the City's sanitary sewer system. These items can also get caught in the machinery of the City's sewer treatment plant. Products that might seem safe to flush down the toilet, such as personal care wipes, dental floss and paper towels, don't dissolve well or not at all in water. If a scrap of material or grease gets caught on a nick or bend within a pipe, it can trigger a growth of buildup that could cause a sewer backup in your home, workplace or neighborhood.

*Proper disposal protects your health*

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