



Save \$\$\$, Save Headaches!



Flushing the toilet should be a simple thing, but if you put the wrong things in it, you may have an ugly mess to deal with and quite possibly some very expensive repair costs as well.

Here are some tips on how to avoid an expensive plumbing bill and the headaches of a big mess to clean up!

Key items you *DON'T* want to put down your toilet:

- ✓ “Flushable” Wipes
- ✓ Paper Towels
- ✓ Cotton swabs and cotton balls
- ✓ Diapers
- ✓ Feminine hygiene products
- ✓ Hair, human or pet
- ✓ Vitamins or medicines
- ✓ Food
- ✓ Disposable toilet wipes and bowl brush heads
- ✓ Condoms
- ✓ Insects
- ✓ Kitty litter



Did you know?

- ❖ Many items are falsely advertised as “flushable”. Remember, toilets are made for toilet paper and human waste **only**.
- ❖ Dental floss is not biodegradable and can quickly lead to clogs as it can easily snag on rough pipes.
- ❖ Dryer sheets are commonly flushed down the toilet but they belong in the trash. Not only are dryer sheets full of toxic chemicals, but they can quickly lead to clogs. Better to not use them, but if you do use them, don't flush them!
- ❖ If you flush a cigarette down a toilet, it never breaks down.
- ❖ 2/3's of all sewer backups occur in the homeowner's (your) sewer line before it enters the District sewer system and are caused by things that were flushed down the homeowner's (your) toilets or ground up in the garbage disposal.
- ❖ By watching what you put down the toilet you'll save \$\$, time and help the environment! Flushing the wrong thing down the toilet damages your household plumbing, your environment and the wastewater treatment system. If it isn't biodegradable, put it in the trash instead of the toilet.