

Keep your pipes clear and keep the sewer from backing up.

“Flushable” does not equal

Dissolvable!

Products that say flushable MIGHT pass through your pipes but they do not DISSOLVE. They get stuck under ground beneath your streets, homes and businesses. Never use the toilet or sink to “dispose” of anything except water and toilet paper. Rags, disposable wipes, wrappers, kitty litter, coffee grounds, grease and medication don’t flow. They cause expensive overflows, equipment repairs and sewer backups into homes and businesses. Treatment plants cannot remove medications or grease and fibrous products from water.

What Can You Do?

- Don’t spend extra \$\$ on “flushable” products
- Dispose of “convenience” products in the trash
- Consider recyclable or reusable products
- Dispose of medications at the FREE dropbox at the Public Safety Building lobby
- All grease including oils, dairy fats and meat drippings should be cooled and placed in the garbage. Dish soap and hot water **DO NOT** keep grease from hardening underground.

If it’s not toilet paper — don’t flush it!



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Keep the Stormwater Clean

Most of the rain that falls on your property picks up oil, fertilizer, pet waste and litter on its way to the storm drains.

IT ALL FLOWS TO LOCAL STREAMS AND WILDLIFE



You can keep it clean by following these tips:

- Keep pet waste and yard debris/leaves cleaned up
- Dispose of automotive products and litter at the garbage depot
- Keep fertilizer and pesticide use to a minimum
- Plant native stock that soaks up the rain and keeps soil from compacting
- Don't spray the drive way clean – sweep it
- Don't overwater the lawn – if its running down the sidewalk it's not soaking into your soil

REPORT ANYONE PRIVATE OR COMMERCIAL SEEN EMPTYING ANYTHING INTO STORM DRAINS OR SEWER OPENINGS

Call day or night 503-537-1234 or 503-537-1282

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