

Get To Know The Unflushables

Pollution Prevention Begins At Home

There's no way around it – we live in a disposable society. From disposable plates, forks and napkins to disposable diapers, feminine hygiene products, and cleaning supplies, we use and throw away literally tons of trash each year.

Unfortunately, many of us are misled by product labels and ad campaigns that say products sold as “disposable” are also “flushable.” Unfortunately this isn't true. Nothing should ever be flushed down the toilet except toilet paper. The fact is, your toilet and the sewer line it's connected to were specifically designed for toilet paper and human waste only. That's it. Anything bigger, thicker, longer, stringier, stiffer, less water soluble, or more fibrous can clog pipes, catch on tree roots in the line, or get caught in the pumps that move wastewater from your home to the Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility.

The City of Fresno spends thousands of dollars each year removing debris from pipes and unclogging pumps, and the introduction of these so-called “flushable” products has only made things more challenging. Help keep utility rates low by remembering one simple rule: **If it's not toilet paper... don't flush it!**

“Unflushables”

The following products are often mistakenly flushed down the toilet or otherwise put into the sewer system, resulting in clogged pipes, broken pumps and Sanitary Sewer Overflows:

- Disposable Wipes
- Diapers
- Paper Towels
- Condoms
- Feminine Hygiene Products & Applicators
- Cat Litter
- Shop Towels or Rags
- Disposable Gloves
- Dental Floss
- Q-tips, Cotton Balls,
- Makeup Pads



These items should be placed in the gray cart for disposal.

Flushables

Products that may be flushed:

- Toilet Paper

