

To flush or not to flush

By City of Brighton Utilities Department

It's simple, the toilet is only meant to flush the three P's—pee, poop and paper. Human waste and toilet paper should be the only thing going down the toilet. Unfortunately, over the years, people have turned the toilet into a trash can. From medications and sanitary products to deceased pet fish and cigarette butts, if it fits, people flush it. Flushing these types of items down the toilet causes home pipes to clog, wastes water (up to 5 gallons of water every time you flush) and most importantly can have a huge impact on our sewers and not to mention our River.

Stay away from products marketed as **FLUSHABLE** or **DISPOSABLE**. There are many consumer product in the market labeled as "flushable", that don't meet the "flushable" criteria. Sanitary Products, Paper Towels, Diapers, Baby Wipes, Household Cleaning Wipes, Cosmetic Wipes, Feminine Hygiene Products and Facial Tissues are indestructible squares of plastic made of materials that don't break down and can cause sewer pipes to clog. The trash is the place for these items.



Toilet Paper after 5 minutes

Wipes after 24 hours

So, let's keep our wastewater flowing and our rivers clean. Educate yourself and others. Know what to flush and what to put down the drain. Protect our sewers and environment.