

"Flushable" does not mean "flushable".

Flushable wipes are clogging sewer pipes!

Flushable wipes do not dissolve in the sewer system. Even if you just flush one, eventually wipes will collect in sewer pipes, pumps and equipment causing clogs and blockages.



THINK BEFORE YOU FLUSH™

Clogs and blockages in sewer pipes lead to sewage spills and overflows. Help us avoid sewage spills and overflows and protect the environment.

in the kitchen

Fats, oils, and grease (F.O.G.) originate from food waste, and when poured down the drain, clog pipes and cause sewer overflows in homes and in the city's sewer collection system.

These simple tips can help you stay clog-free:

- Before washing dishes, wipe off all food scraps, fats, oils, and grease into the garbage or compost.
- NEVER pour grease or cooking oil down drains or garbage disposals.
- Mix small quantities of cooking oil with an absorbent such as kitty litter and dispose as garbage.
- Store other fats, oils and grease items in a sealable bag or container and dispose as garbage.
- Use food strainers in kitchen sinks to catch food particles and place them into the garbage.



HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Never dump paint, paint thinner, cleaning chemicals, pesticides, fertilizer, root killer or any product that has a CAUTION-WARNING-DANGER-POISON label down a toilet.



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THINK BEFORE YOU FLUSH



**Protect Your Family, Community,
and Waterways from Sewer
Backups and Overflows**

Flush **ONLY** toilet paper. Put trash in the trash can.



An overflowing toilet can ruin your home in an instant!

Just a small amount of household waste flushed down the toilet (or dumped down the drain or garbage disposal) can clog pipes and cause expensive and messy sewer backups in your home and community.

AVOID SEWER BACKUPS BY KEEPING THIS STUFF OUT OF YOUR TOILET



Cotton swabs & makeup pads

Tampons, maxi pads & their applicators/ wrappers

Bandages & sticker backs

Cleaning wipes

Whitening strips & their wrappers

Diapers

CLOG



Baby & facial wipes



Dental floss



Kitty litter



Condoms & their wrappers



Hair



! Prescription and OTC medications

Drop unused prescription drugs and over the counter medicines at **Ferdale Haggen Pharmacy** (1815 Main St.)

Drop Narcotics and other Controlled Substances at: **Ferdale Police Department** (2220 Main St.)

For details: visit cityofferndale.org/drugtakeback

Did you know?

"Flushable Wipes" are one of the biggest problems for sewer backups in our community. That's right — even if the package says "flushable," they should NEVER be flushed. They belong in the trash.