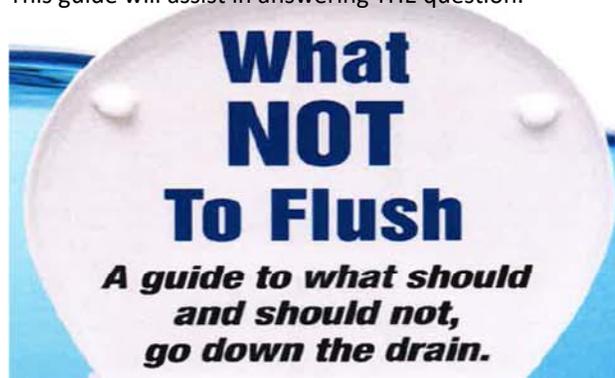


To flush, or not to flush....that is THE question!

You are responsible for your plumbing!

This guide will assist in answering THE question.



Many consumer products – even small items or those labeled “disposable” or “flushable” – can wreak havoc on both home plumbing systems and public sewer systems. Most of these products do not break down (as toilet paper does when flushed) and can block the sewer line. Flushing these products may also result in expensive repairs to your plumbing lines or even the public sewer system.

These products also do not travel readily through the sewer pump stations that move sewage to treatment plants. Even if the products do arrive at the treatment plant, they must be filtered out and removed so they do not damage costly equipment.

In short, if it is not toilet paper ... It does not go with the flow and should not be flushed down the drain.

*To keep things flowing smoothly, here’s a list of things you should **never flush or pour down the drain:***

WHAT	WHAT SHOULD I DO WITH IT
Adhesive bandages	Place in garbage.
Baby/facial wipes	Place in garbage.
Cat litter	Place in garbage.
Cigarette butts	Extinguish thoroughly and place in garbage.
Cloth items	If not soiled, take them to a clothing donation center where they can be used as rags or dispose of them in the garbage.
Cotton swabs/balls	Place in garbage.
Dental floss	Place in garbage.
Diapers	Place in garbage.
Feminine hygiene products	Place in garbage.
Flammable chemicals (residential)	Call 941-861-5000 for disposal locations.
Grease, oil or fat (residential)	Place in sealed container in garbage.
Grease, oil or fat (commercial)	Dispose of through a grease/oil recycling company.
Hypodermic needles/lancets/syringes	For disposal information go to http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/medications/pages/disposal.htm#SARASOTA .
Medications	Medications Pollute our water; contact authorities regarding proper disposal of medications.
Moist towelettes	Place in garbage.
Paint or other household chemicals	Take to Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center. (Call 941-861-5000 for locations.)
Paper (other than toilet paper)	If soiled, place in garbage. If clean, recycle.
Paper towels	Place in garbage.
Pet waste bags	Place in garbage.
Plastic bags	Recycle at most local grocery stores.
Plastics of any kind	Plastics labeled #1-5 and #7 should be recycled; Styrofoam (#6), dry cleaning bags and plastic film, place in the garbage.
Swiffer-type refills	Place in garbage.