

What NOT to flush!

People often think it is okay to use the toilet as a trashcan. Unfortunately, many items that are flushed can cause clogging issues, not only in homes and businesses, but also in Benton's sewer system and Waste Water Treatment Plant.

There are only three things that are appropriate to be flushed or washed down sink drains:

- Human body waste
- Toilet paper
- Used water

Some common items that are often flushed, ***BUT SHOULD NOT BE*** include:

- Wet wipes (baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, "flushable" wipes)
- Paper towels
- Paper
- Disposable diapers
- Facial tissues
- Feminine hygiene products and condoms
- Cotton swabs and band-aids
- Grease/oil
- Dental floss
- Cat litter
- Cigarette butts
- Needles
- Pills

Often these items do not make it past the lateral connection from your home to Benton's sewer system. If they do happen to make it to the City's sewer line, they can plug up the lines and damage the pipes and pumps that lead the sewage to the Waste Water Treatment Plant. In either instance, repairs can be costly.

Please help protect your sewer lines and the City's sewer system by obeying the flushing rules.

THANK YOU!