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# **'DO NOT FLUSH LIST'**

# Keep everything but toilet paper out of the sanitary sewer system.

Sanitary sewers are designed to dispose of three very specific things: **Water**, **toilet paper and human waste**. Anything else must go in the trash. Just because a package may state "flushable" or "septic safe" doesn't actually mean it is.

### The following items should <u>never</u> be disposed of in the public sewer system:

- Diapers (cloth, disposable or "flushable")
- Baby wipes and facial cloths
- Cleaning wipes, (i.e., Swiffer<sup>®</sup> wipes or equivalent), shop rags, etc.
- Paper towels and napkins
- · Cooking oils and grease
- Toilet bowl scrub pads
- Disposable mops
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, applicators
- Condoms
- Rags and cloths
- Undergarments
- Cotton swabs, cotton balls, bandages
- Dental floss
- Volatile substances (i.e., gasoline, chemicals, paint, etc.)
- Syringes
- Rubber gloves
- Small toys
- Plastic bags
- Caps from any containers (shampoo, soda, etc.)

Flushing of these items into the public sewer system may cause major blockages in sewer lines (triggering back-ups in the system which may lead to damage in or on your property). These items also cause severe damage to expensive sewer equipment (i.e., grinder pumps) in the sewer collection system or inside the sewer treatment facility.