



Think Before You FLUSH

Flushing the wrong stuff can cause costly, messy clogs, harm the sewer system, and even impact San Francisco's Bay and the Pacific Ocean.

Do your part and help keep these frequent intruders out of our sewers.

“Flushable” wipes: These not-so “flushable” wipes can clog sewer lines and get caught in the equipment at the wastewater treatment plants. Please dispose of wipes in the trash, even if the package says they're flushable!

Prescription Medications: Wastewater treatment plants were not designed to remove the chemicals in many pharmaceuticals. Flushing these products can harm marine life in the bay and ocean. Many pharmacies in SF accept leftover medications for proper disposal. Please visit: sfenvironment.org

Feminine products: These products expand and absorb moisture, making it difficult for them to travel through the sewer pipes, and they don't break down.

Disposable Diapers: Again, diapers are not meant to be flushed...

Dental floss: Dental floss loves to wrap itself around anything and everything that might travel down the same path in the sewers.

Other products that should not be flushed: Sand, hair, kitty litter, condoms, cotton balls.

For more information on what not to flush or how to properly dispose of items please visit: PollutionPrevention.sfwater.org

