

flushable?

think again ...



The toilet is not a trash can.

Many items marketed as disposable and/or flushable do not degrade like toilet paper, and they wind up clogging pipes, tangling pumps and causing messy sewer backups into streets, businesses and homes.

So what **CAN** I do?

- Only flush human waste and toilet paper.
- Avoid purchasing "flushable" items. Clean with a sponge or rag that you can reuse.
- Compost your food waste.
- Discard hazardous materials such as used motor oil, antifreeze, etc. at the Household Hazardous Waste Facility (free of charge for Pierce County residents), 3510 S. Mullen St. For more information, visit www.cityoftacoma.org/hazwaste or call (253) 591-5418.
- If it can't be reused, recycled or composted, please place it in the garbage.



What **not** to flush:

- Vitamins, medicines or other pharmaceuticals
- Diapers (cloth, disposable, or "flushable")
- Facial tissues
- Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, etc.
- Toilet bowl scrub pads
- Swiffer products
- Napkins (paper or cloth), paper towels
- Dental floss
- Fats, oils and greases
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms or any non-organic material
- Wash cloths, towels, rags, underwear (any cloth item)
- Plastic wrappers or packaging

Think before you flush.



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