



Sewage Do's and Don'ts

Keep your toilets sinks and drains in working order.

Repair water leaks promptly. Your sewer bill is based on water use.

Store cooking grease into a sealed container and dispose of separately.

What Not to Flush

Baby Wipes

Wastewater treatment plants have preliminary treatment methods that remove many foreign objects that make their way into sewer lines. The most common objects that cause many problems for WWTPs are baby wipes. Some companies that produce baby wipes advertise them as "flushable," meaning they can be disposed of in the toilet. However, once in the sewer system, these wipes do not quickly break down and build up at the WWTP. The accumulated wipes need to be hauled away to a landfill for proper disposal. Because WWTPs have to haul them away, sewer rates increase and the public pays more. Consumers of baby wipes need to be aware of this fact and do research on products that are appropriate for flushing.

[DEC's Sewage Pollution Right to Know](#) main webpage has information on other items that can wreak havoc on sewer lines.

These items include waste chemicals or oils, feminine hygiene products, and unused drugs.