

THINK BEFORE YOU FLUSH

TOILETS ARE *NOT* TRASH CANS

To keep your toilet and plumbing running efficiently for a long time, **never flush these items**. The following items can cause clogs, and may lead to costly damages in your household.

 **Paper Towels and Tissues** are not made the same as toilet paper and will not break down the same, running the risk of causing a backup.

 **Menstrual Products** are meant to absorb water and will not break down in water.

 **Condoms** do not break down in water.

 **Dental Floss** catches debris and ends up as a net stuck in your pipes.

 **Hair**. Like dental floss, hair becomes a net and catches debris.

 **Cooking Grease** congeals when it cools, meaning it will eventually reduce the size of your pipes and add in a backup.

 **Baby & Cleaning Wipes** are not flushable even if they say they are flushable! Wipes do not disintegrate like toilet paper and can get hung up in your plumbing.

 **Medications** are bad for the environment and end up in our waterways if flushed.

 **Diapers** are too big and should never be flushed.

 **Kitty Litter**. Toilets will not move enough water to flush litter properly down.

 **Chewing gum** does not breakdown, can adhere to your pipes.

 **Food** will break down eventually, but could still clog pipes.



RULE OF THUMB:

If it's not toilet paper, don't flush it.



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Toilets Are Not Trash Cans – Do Not Flush the Following:

1. **Baby & Other Types of Wipes.** Even if they say they are flushable! Baby wipes do not disintegrate like toilet paper and can get hung up in your plumbing causing a backup.
2. **Cooking Grease.** Cooking grease congeals when it cools, which means it is going to eventually reduce the size of your pipes and add in a backup. You will never get that grease flushed out of your lines fast enough, it will start to cool as soon as it hits the pipes.
3. **Paper Towels & Tissues.** They are not made the same as toilet paper and will not break down the same, running the risk of causing a backup down the road.
4. **Menstrual Products.** They are products that are meant to absorb water and will not break down in water. Another opportunity to get cause a backup.
5. **Condoms.** Condoms do not break down in water. Flushing them can cause clogs.
6. **Diapers.** They get caught in your pipes and cause backups for you or your neighbor at some point. Diapers are too big and should not be flushed.
7. **Dental Floss.** Dental floss catches debris and ends up as a net stuck in your pipes.
8. **Hair.** Like dental floss, hair becomes a net and catches debris. Hair never dissolves in water no matter how long it is floating in your pipes.
9. **Kitty Litter.** While it may say flushable most toilets will not move enough water to flush the litter properly down the line.
10. **Food.** While food is biodegradable and will break down eventually, until that happens you could be setting yourself up for clogged pipes.
11. **Gum.** Chewing gum does not breakdown, can adhere to your pipes and cause a clog.
12. **Medications.** They are bad for the environment and end up in our waterways if flushed.



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