



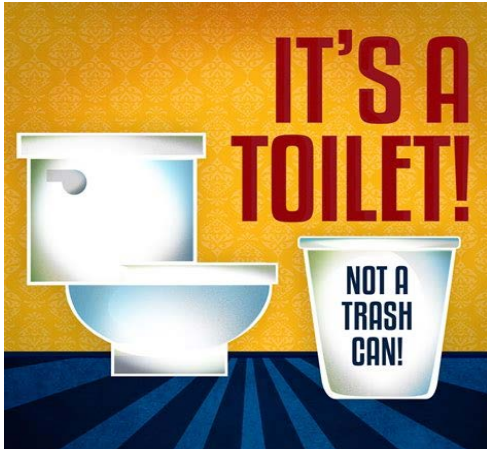
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FLUSHABLE? THINK AGAIN!



Only human waste and toilet paper should be flushed!

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 in to streets, businesses and homes.

So what can I do???

- ❖ Discard unused or expired medicine or vitamins at the Pacifica Police Department's drop-off container located in the front lobby of the station during business hours. For more information, visit their website - http://www.cityofpacifica.org/depts/police/safety_n_disaster/unused_medication_disposal/default.asp
- ❖ Drop off accepted hazardous materials at the Recology of the Coast Recycling Yard (Pacifica residents only). For more information please call 650-355-9000 or visit their website - <https://www.recology.com/recology-of-the-coast/pacificahazardous-waste/>
- ❖ Discard hazardous materials at the San Mateo County Household Waste Collection Facilities, Thursdays through Saturdays at the main facility in San Mateo. For information, please call 650-622-6200 or visit their website <https://www.smchealth.org/hhw>
- ❖ If it can't be reused, recycled or composted, please place it in the garbage.
- ❖ **Only flush human waste and toilet paper.**
- ❖ Avoid purchasing "flushable" items. Clean with a sponge or rag that you can reuse.
- ❖ Put screens on sink drains and bathtubs.
- ❖ Compost your food waste.

What not to flush:

- ❖ Vitamins, medicines, OTC medicines or other pharmaceuticals
- ❖ Diapers, (cloth, disposable, or "flushable")
- ❖ Facial tissues
- ❖ Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, etc.
- ❖ Toilet bowl scrub pads
- ❖ Swiffer products
- ❖ Bleach, gas, paint thinner, chemicals etc.
- ❖ Napkins (paper or cloth), paper towels
- ❖ Dental floss or whitening strips
- ❖ Fats, oil and greases (FOG)
- ❖ Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms or any non-degradable material
- ❖ Wash cloths, towels, rags, underwear
- ❖ Plastic wrappers or packaging
- ❖ Bandages and sticker backs
- ❖ Hair



THINK BEFORE YOU FLUSH!

Items can affect our marine environment and our wastewater systems if they are flushed down the toilet!

