

Please DO NOT Flush These Items



For more information on Waste Disposal:

[www.kentbc.ca/en/livinghere/
garbage-recycling-and-
composting.aspx](http://www.kentbc.ca/en/livinghere/garbage-recycling-and-composting.aspx)

[www.ambientbp.com/blog/20-
items-you-should-never-put-
down-the-drain-and-why](http://www.ambientbp.com/blog/20-items-you-should-never-put-down-the-drain-and-why)



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Toilets are NOT Garbage Cans

A quick guide for proper
waste disposal





Did you know?

Everything put into your toilet or the drains of sinks/tubs goes to the Wastewater Treatment Plant which is designed to treat human waste, toilet paper and wastewater only.

Using your toilet or sink to dispose of garbage or wipes, even those advertised as flushable, can create sewer backups and overflows.

Pouring fats, oils, or grease down the drain can cause problems for your home plumbing as well as the District's sewer system. Blockages from these items can cause damage to your home sewer system, including basement flooding. Such blockages can also create health hazards and threaten our environment.

Tips for Proper Waste Disposal

Excess cooking fats and oils can be poured into an empty can and stored in the refrigerator until hardened and then can be placed in the garbage.

Scrape all food scraps into a composter or garbage can; never down the sink or toilet.

Dispose of all plastics, rubber, and paper products by placing them in a recycling bin or garbage can.

Never flush medication or vitamins down the toilet as they can end up in rivers and lakes. Return these items to the pharmacy for proper disposal.

Never pour solvents, paints, chemical, or household cleaners down the drains, toilets, sewers, or onto the ground outside.

Clean up grease spills using absorbent material (e.g. paper towel) and place it in your household garbage can. Educate your family members in good environmental practices.

How to Dispose of Items Correctly

Garbage:

- Bandages and the wrappers
- Feminine hygiene products (pads, tampons, and wrappers/applicators)
- Diapers (disposable or regular)
- ANY type of wipes, including baby wipes or those advertised as "flushable"
- Cotton balls, swabs, or facial cleansing pads
- Hair
- Combs, brushes or toothbrushes
- Razors
- Dental floss
- Non-recyclable newspaper, paper napkins, or paper towel
- Rags or any cloth
- Tights and pantyhose
- Condoms
- Rubber or plastic items (e.g. latex gloves)
- Cigarettes or cigarette butts
- Non-compostable food waste
- Fats, oil, or grease

Composter:

- Food waste, excluding meat, fish, dairy, oils or grease
- Newspaper
- Paper napkins or paper towels

Hazardous Waste Depot:

- Solvents
- Paint
- Herbicides, pesticides

Return to Local Garage:

- Motor oil
- Antifreeze