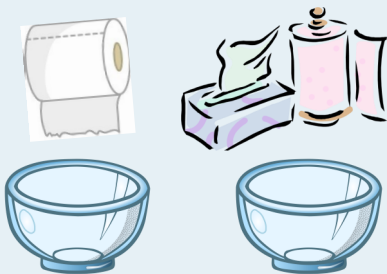


## Still Not Convinced?

Then try this “flush ability test.” Fill two bowls with water. Place toilet paper in one, and place one of the questionable items in the other bowl. Swish both items in the water. Wait an hour, then swish again. The toilet paper should have significantly disintegrated by then, while the other item (for example, Kleenex, wipes, napkins, etc.) will likely remain intact. Unless the item disintegrates at the rate of toilet paper, it should be placed in the garbage and not down the toilet. Otherwise, you risk a blockage in your own pipes as well as clogging a pump station and causing a sewage backup for other homes and businesses. Remember: the drains that connect your home to the main sewer are often no wider than 4 inches.



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# It's A Toilet Not A Trashcan!



## Don't Flush Trouble



### **Some Things Just Don't Belong in the Toilet**

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Toilets are only meant for one activity, and you know what we're talking about! When the wrong thing is flushed, results can include costly backups on your own property or problems at your local wastewater treatment plant. That's why it's so important to treat toilets properly and flush only your personal contributions to the local wastewater treatment plant.

### **Don't Flush Any Items Like:**

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- ◆ Baby wipes & diapers
- ◆ Rags & towels
- ◆ Candy & food wrappers
- ◆ Clothing labels
- ◆ Cleaning sponges
- ◆ Toys
- ◆ Prescription Drugs
- ◆ Cigarettes
- ◆ Hair
- ◆ Underwear
- ◆ Sanitary napkins & mini pads
- ◆ Gravel or kitty litter
- ◆ Paper towels
- ◆ Paint, and other chemicals
- ◆ Fats, oils, and greases
- ◆ Vitamins, medicines or other pharmaceuticals
- ◆ Sheet plastic, or plastic of any kind
- ◆ Swiffer sheets
- ◆ Toilet bowl scrub pads
- ◆ Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, etc.
- ◆ Egg shells, nutshells, & coffee grounds

### **Disposable Does Not Mean Flushable**

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It will take a lot more than the paper towels that caused this mess to clean it up. Flushing paper towels and other garbage down the toilet wastes water and can create severe backups and overflows. This can also cause time-consuming backups in the public sewer pipes and at the local wastewater treatment plant, and related costs can be passed on to ratepayers. Even if its label reads "flushable", you are still safer and more environmentally correct to place the item in a trashcan. And because homeowners are responsible for their property's sewer pipes, improper flushing can cost you money. **You plug it, you pay for it?**