

WHAT CAN'T I FLUSH DOWN THE TOILET?

You cannot flush anything down the drain that could clog the sewer collection system or could damage the sewage treatment facility. This includes:

- Fats, oils and grease
- Garbage, sand, metals, wood, straw, grass, wastepaper, plastics, toys, animal parts, animal leashes or collars, goldfish, glass, cat litter, sanitary napkins, tampons, other bulky so called “disposable” product, or similar substances
- Corrosive substances, either acidic or caustic
- Rainwater and storm water, foundation drains, sump pumps, roof drains, etc.
- Flammable or explosive liquids, solids, or gases
- Paint, stains, wood preservations, solvents and thinners
- Poisons and hazardous waste
- Anything radioactive
- Fertilizer, herbicides, pesticides, insecticides
- Medical equipment and medicines

WHY CAN'T I FLUSH THESE THINGS DOWN THE DRAIN?

The previously listed types of materials can cause clogs in the sewer lines or damage to the collection system or treatment facility. They may also pose safety threats to citizens and sewer workers.

WHY SHOULD I CARE WHAT HAPPENS TO THE SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITY?

A sewage treatment facility is publicly or privately owned, which means we all pay for the associated costs. Proper sewage treatment is vital in protecting everyone from water borne diseases and protecting the environment from pollution. By following the above guidelines, we all contribute to protecting our community's investment and keeping costs as low as possible.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I DON'T FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES ON WHAT, AND WHAT NOT, TO FLUSH?

Violations of the Henry County PSA regulations concerning prohibited materials in the sewage collection system could lead to prosecution, fines and conviction of a misdemeanor.



HENRY COUNTY PUBLIC SERVICE AUTHORITY

THINK BEFORE YOU
Flush!

HELP KEEP OUR PIPES CLEAN.



DON'T FLUSH IT & FORGET IT!

The Henry County PSA has received numerous calls over the years about sewers backing up in homes and businesses. This brochure is meant to be a guideline to residents about the role they play in preventing this occurrence.

Often times, people don't think about what happens to something after it is flushed down the toilet.

WHAT IS SEWAGE?

Sewage is the used water and waste discharged by a community. Sewage is collected from the drains of sinks, showers, toilets, laundry facilities, etc.

WHAT CAUSES SEWERS TO BACK UP?

Sewer back-ups are caused when the sewage collection lines get clogged. These clogs are often caused by tree roots, fats, grease, paper, feminine sanitary pads or tampons, disposable diapers, cloth, wood, or any other materials that can get caught in the line and back it up.

WHY SHOULD I CARE?

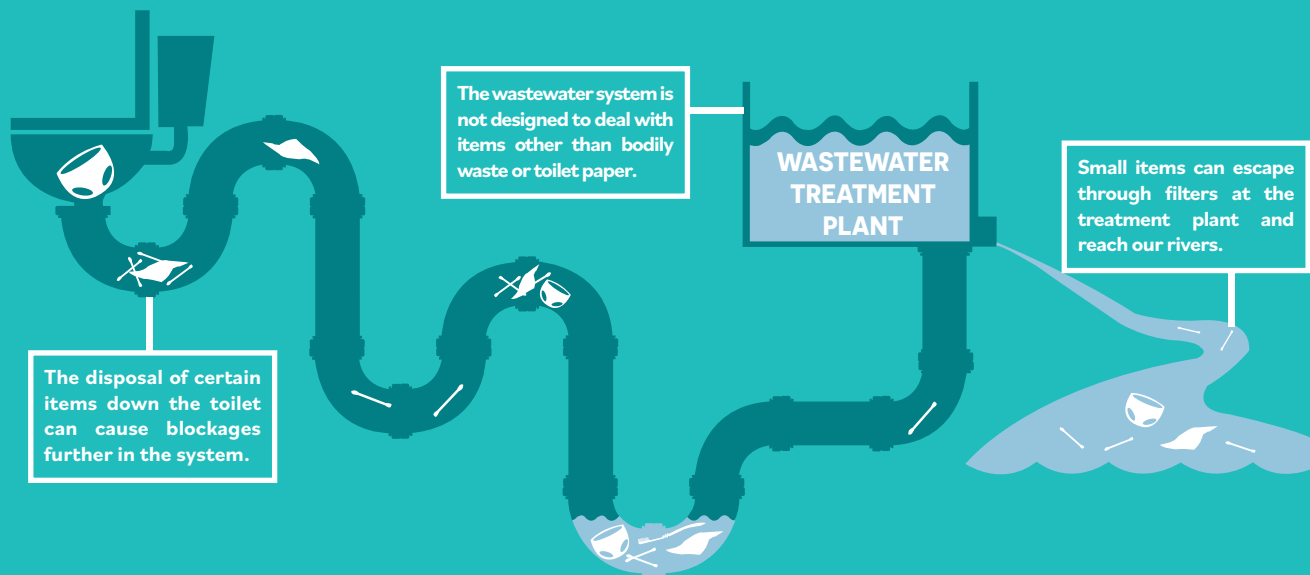
Sewage backups are very costly, messy, stinky, and pose a serious threat to the health and safety of people and animals. Infectious diseases can be transmitted from raw sewage resulting in serious illness.

WHAT CAN I FLUSH DOWN THE TOILET?

Only feces, urine, and toilet paper should be flushed down the toilet. Other drains should only be used to dispose of used water and soaps from washing and cleaning activities.

WHEN IN DOUBT

TRASH IT DON'T FLUSH IT!



ABOUT US:

The Henry County Public Service Authority provides water and sewer services to many residents, businesses, industries, and schools in Henry County. With more than 800 miles of utility lines, we are one of the largest water and sewer authorities in Virginia.

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