

I CAN'T FLUSH WHAT?

Don't flush **ANY** trash, grease, or other debris, down the toilet or put it down the drain. Putting the wrong things down toilets and drains is a costly problem for Kearns Improvement District's (KID's) sewer lines, our wastewater treatment plant, and might cause expensive plumbing problems and unpleasant cleanup in your home or business. You are the owner of your sewer service line (lateral) and are responsible for the cost and clean up and for any repair or replacement of the line. (A sewer service line, or lateral, is the pipe that connects your property to KID's sewer main line).

Keep in mind, many products claim to be flushable, but **THEY ARE NOT**. They can also cause costly clogs in yours and KID's sewer lines and increased costs at the treatment plant. **The only things you should ever flush down a toilet are human waste and toilet paper.**

To prevent these problems, here is a list of things to **keep out of toilets & drains**:

- **ALL WIPES**, including baby, facial, & cleaning wipes
- Disposable diapers
- Tampons, tampon applicators, & sanitary napkins
- Condoms
- Facial tissue & paper towels
- Cotton balls and swabs
- Dental floss
- Hair
- ANY kind of medications, prescription OR over the counter
- Automotive fluids
- Paints, solvents, sealants, and thinners
- Poisons, and hazardous waste
- Band-aids, bandages, and wrappings
- Pet waste & kitty litter
- Mopping pads & toilet scrubbing pads
- Cigarette butts
- Dryer sheets
- ALL Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG)

It's easy to toss stuff in the toilet or down the drain, flush it, and forget about it. Help keep yours and KID's lines clean and flowing and keep costs down by using your trash can instead of the toilet and drains.

DON'T "FOG" UP YOUR PIPES

Every time you pour fat, oil, or grease (FOG) down your sink, you are contributing to a costly problem in the sewer collection system. FOG coats the inner walls of the plumbing in your house and the walls of sewer lines throughout our community. Over time, FOG builds up and forms blockages in pipes, which can lead to wastewater backing up into homes, yards, streets, parks, and storm drains. Unplugging and replacing these grease-blocked pipes is costly and time-consuming.

Here are some tips you and your family can follow to help KID keep a well-run system:

ALWAYS:

- Scrape out greasy bowls, pots, pans, and utensils **in the trash** before washing.
- Collect fats, oil, and grease in a container such as an empty vegetable, soup, or coffee can, and dispose of it with your garbage.
- Keep fatty foods and meat out of the garbage disposal.
- Place food scraps in waste containers or garbage bags for disposal.
- Use basket strainers in sinks to catch food particles and empty in the trash.
- Place a wastebasket in each bathroom for wastes like diapers, creams and lotions, and personal hygiene products, including all wipes.

NEVER:

- Pour fats, oil, or grease down your house, business, or storm drains, even with soap or hot water, the grease will solidify as it travels down the pipe.
- Dispose of food scraps by flushing or washing them down the drain.
- Use the toilet as a waste basket.

SEWER LINES DON'T NEED DRUGS!

To protect our water quality, do not flush medications down the toilet or disposal. You can safely dispose of medications by taking them to an approved prescription drug take-back site or event. For locations close to you go to the following website:

www.MedicationDisposal.utah.gov

If you are not able to take them to one of the drop-off locations, do the following:

1. Remove them from their original containers and mix them with an undesirable substance, such as used coffee grounds, dirt, or kitty litter. This makes the drug less appealing to children and pets, and unrecognizable to people who may intentionally go through the trash seeking drugs.
2. Place the mixture in a sealable bag, empty can, or other container to prevent the drug from leaking or breaking out of a garbage bag. Make sure the trash cannot be accessed by children, pets, or others who might be looking in garbage.

Controlling what goes down the drain is the easiest and most effective way to stop clogs, save costly repairs, and protect the environment, and you can start today!

