



Toilets are NOT Trash Cans

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Gwinnett County sewerage system is designed to dispose of very specific things: water, toilet paper and human waste.

Many things you may think are “flushable” do not disperse or break apart once they are in our sanitary sewer system. As these non-dispersibles collect in the sewer pipe, they can eventually cause blockages that can lead to sanitary sewer backups or overflows

Using the toilet as a trashcan can result in clogged pipes, tangled pumps and messy sewer backups into creeks, streets, businesses and homes. These backups are harmful to the environment and costly for homeowners and utilities.

What not to flush:

- Keys & Cell Phones (but we bet you knew that!)
- Baby wipes and diapers
- Bathroom cleaning wipes
- Cotton swabs
- Syringes
- Clothing labels
- Toys
- Aquarium gravel or kitty litter
- Cigarette butts
- Hair
- Disposable toilet brushes
- Facial cleansing cloths
- Rags and towels
- Dental floss
- Candy and other food wrappers
- Cleaning sponges
- Plastic items of any description
- Rubber items such as latex gloves
- Sanitary napkins
- Disposable underwear

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Protecting your property: Backups can happen not only in the county’s system, but your home’s plumbing as well. Click [here](#) for more information.

Toilet paper vs. wipes: Consumer Reports created a video showing how quickly toilet paper breaks apart. Click [here](#) to watch.