



Town of Newton

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Dear Resident,

Maintaining a healthy sewer system is essential for protecting our environment, public health, and the sewer infrastructure we all rely on. Here's how you can help—by knowing what to do and what to avoid.

 **What NOT to Flush Down the Drain:**

Protecting our sewer systems starts with responsible disposal habits. Flushing or pouring the wrong materials down toilets, sinks, or drains can lead to serious consequences, including:

-  Clogged toilets, drains, and pipes
-  Sewage backups into homes and buildings
-  Sewage overflow into roadways, streams, and natural habitats
-  Damage to wastewater collection and treatment infrastructure
-  Environmental contamination and public health risks

 **Items You Should NEVER Flush or Pour Down the Drain:**

Even if labeled “flushable,” many products do not break down properly and can cause blockages or harm treatment systems. Please avoid disposing of the following:

- Grease, Cooking Oil, and Fats
- Food Waste
- Motor Oil, Gasoline, and Solvents
- Cleaning Solutions and Paint
- Flushable Wipes, Diapers, and Diaper Wipes

- Paper Towels, Tissues, Rags, and Clothing
- Medications (Over-the-Counter and Prescription)
- Tri-Sodium Phosphate and Other Chemicals
- Hypodermic Needles
- Animal Waste and Kitty Litter
- Condoms and Feminine Hygiene Products
- Cotton Balls, Dental Floss, and Hair
- Coffee Grounds and Eggshells

*****These materials do not break down like toilet paper and can obstruct pipes, damage equipment, and pollute local ecosystems. Always dispose of non-flushable items in the trash or follow proper hazardous waste guidelines.***

✓ What You CAN Safely Flush or Drain:

- Human waste (urine and fecal matter)
- Toilet paper
- Wastewater from bathing, showering, laundry, and cleaning

💧 To maintain a clean and efficient garbage disposal, it's advisable to flush it with several gallons of water after each use. This helps remove leftover debris and prevents buildup over time.

To learn more or access detailed information, please visit the town's official sewer and sanitation resources. ***For direct assistance, contact the Sewer Office at (973) 383-2090.***

[What-NOT-to-put-down-drains.pdf](#)

[Sewer: What Not to Flush | Lincoln Park, NJ - Official Website](#)

[What Not to Flush – UOSA](#)

[Passaic Valley Sewerage Commission](#)

[Keep Wipes Out of the Pipes!](#)

"A clean, safe, and sustainable community begins with each of us—let's make it happen together." - Newton Sewer Department