

It's a toilet, not a trash can!



Hunter River Sewer Utility

Sometimes people view the toilet as just another trash can, a place to make things disappear with just a flush. Unfortunately, the Hunter River Sewer Utility is continuing to experience breakdowns and damages that are the direct result of items being flushed into the system that should not be. Even products that are labeled “flushable” or “biodegradable” can cause clogs not only to the plumbing in your home or business but also in lift stations and sewer plant equipment. These can also cause problems for properties with their own septic systems.

There are only three things that should ever be flushed down toilets or washed down drains regardless of how easily it appears to slide down to the bottom of your toilets or sink drain. They are:

- Human Body Waste
- Toilet Paper
- Used Water

You can do simple things to help protect your lateral sewer line and the HRSU sewer system (or your own septic system). Items that are commonly flushed, **BUT SHOULD NOT BE** include:

- Rags, Facecloths, Towels
- Underwear, old clothes
- Wet wipes (baby wipes, disinfecting wipes, “flushable wipes”)
- Paper towel
- Feminine hygiene products and condoms
- Disposable diapers
- Cotton swabs and bandages
- Grease and oil
- Dental Floss
- Hair
- Cat litter
- Needles



These items clog the impellers inside system pumps and then have to be removed manually. This clogging hinders the operation of the pumps, decreasing their efficiency and longevity. These unnecessary maintenance expenses also directly impact the budget of the Utility and rates paid by users. The assistance of those that are hooked to the HRSU is needed to stop the practice of placing these items into the HRSU system. **REMEMBER... If it isn't human waste, toilet paper or used water, it belongs in the waste or compost!!!!!!!**