



Flushable?

A message from Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District

Think again...

What we put down our drains and toilets can negatively impact our environment and put our health at risk. Even items labeled flushable can clog pipes, tangle pumps and result in messy and costly sewer backups. By educating ourselves and each other, we can avoid expensive and dangerous mistakes while improving our sewer system practices.

Steps we can take

There are only two items that we should ever flush: human waste and toilet paper. If you cannot avoid purchasing and using items that have been labeled "flushable," throw them away after use rather than putting them into our sewer system.

If you need to discard hazardous materials such as used motor oil, antifreeze, paint, etc., visit the clean sweep collection site. You can find more information at www.danecountycleansweep.com. Dispose of unused medicines at the MedDrop site; information can be found at www.safercommunity.net/meddrop.php.

Learn about EnAct steps to greener living at www.enactwi.org.

Questions? Find us on the web at www.madsewer.org or call **608.222.1201**.

Never flush:

- Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, etc.
- Vitamins, medicines or other pharmaceuticals
- Toilet bowl scrub pads
- Swiffer® products
- Napkins (*paper or cloth*)
- Paper towels
- Dental floss
- Fats, oils and greases
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms or any non-organic materials
- Wash cloths, towels, rags, underwear or any cloth items
- Band-Aids® or dressings
- Plastic bags or wrappers
- Kitty litter (*even products labeled as flushable*)
- Cat feces or bagged dog feces
- Fish gravel