

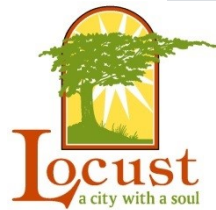
To Flush or NOT to Flush.....That is the Question, Locust!!

Our toilets are designed for water, human waste, and toilet paper.....NOTHING ELSE! All other items flushed down the toilet can cause costly equipment damage or even worse blockages resulting in environmentally effecting spills.

Just because the packaging says disposable DOES NOT mean it is FLUSHABLE!!



LET'S PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR CHILDREN!



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**CITY OF LOCUST
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**Working Hard to Protect our
Environment....One Drop at a Time**

Residential Users Flushables vs Non Flushables



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BE PROACTIVE.....SO WE DON'T NEED TO BE REACTIVE!!!



What is Flushable?

It's simple.....water, human waste, and toilet paper, these are the only things that need to go into our toilets. Help keep our sanitary sewer system healthy and prevent backups/spills by treating it the way it was designed to be used.



How NON-FLUSHABLE Items Cause UNWANTED Opportunities

Once something is flushed it reaches the collection system within minutes and already the debris is getting in the way and can get caught on a rough patch in the sewer line, stuck on a rotating mechanism of a pump, or caught in a bar screen at the treatment facility. All these things can prevent water from passing through freely in turn causing backups and overflows.

Excess debris can cost the City of Locust, the utility department, and our customers thousands of dollars per clog/spill annually.

- A crew must be sent out to clean up the debris from the blockage/spill.
- The excessive strain and use on the equipment means they need replacement more often.
- Additional steps must be made to handle the debris that makes it to the wastewater treatment plant.
- Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSO's) from blockages/equipment failures are illegal and can lead to large fines from federal, state, and local health departments.



How Can You Help??

The easiest way to help is to throw away or recycle anything you would've put in the toilet.

Help to spread the word to others to not throw trash in the toilet. It's a team effort, what others flush can affect you and your home.

Don't believe when a package says their product is flushable. Most tests done are different than a sanitary sewer environment.

Toilets Are Not Trashcans!



NO FLUSH ZONE

Food waste	Paper towels
Fats, grease or oil	Diapers
Kitty litter	Medication
Cigarette butts	Cotton swabs
Sanitary napkins	Condoms
Tampons and applicators	Dental floss
Baby wipes	Paint
	Pesticides
	Rags

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