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Only three things should go down your toilet ... **pee, poo and toilet paper**. Anything else can clog or damage the pipes in your home, business or municipal sanitary sewer system.

Here's how to avoid the problem. Don't flush any of the following down your toilet; put them in the garbage can instead.

- Wipes (all types)
- Tampons and sanitary supplies
- Condoms
- Cotton swabs
- Dental floss
- Hair

Medication

In addition, don't flush old medicine down the toilet. It can cause harm to the environment and aquatic wildlife. Take them back to your pharmacy instead.



The pictures say it all. The cover photo shows some of the 5.0 tonnes of solid materials removed from the Garden Creek Sewage Lagoon in 2015 and 2016. Solids settle to the bottom, covering the aeration pipes, and disrupting the treatment process. The cost to remove the material was \$40,000. It is estimated that pipes clogged with the materials listed in this brochure are the cause of one in ten sewer calls.

Sink Drains

Warm **fats, oils and grease** poured down the drain will stick to the inside of sewer pipes as they harden. Over time, the grease will build up and can block the entire pipe – both on your property and on City property.

What can you do to help? Let the grease cool and harden, then scrape or wipe it, along with any food scraps from trays, plates, pots, pans, utensils, grills, and cooking surfaces, into your garbage can.

Household Hazardous Waste

Don't forget, the following household hazardous wastes should never be flushed down the toilet or put down the drain.

- Car and garage products
- Household cleaning products
- Paints
- Personal care products
- Pesticides and garden products

They can cause harm to the environment and aquatic wildlife. Return them instead to the Fredericton Region Solid Waste, 506-453-9930 or info@frswc.ca.

About Fredericton's Water & Sewer Utility

As per provincial legislation, Fredericton's water and sewer utility is self-funded, deriving all its revenue from rates charged and government infrastructure grants. It is separate from the City of Fredericton's general fund budget and property tax system.

The utility provides water and sewer services to well over 95% of households and businesses within Fredericton, carrying out various maintenance and renewal efforts to keep the system operating smoothly. The utility is currently focused on replacing aging pipes within the system.

Got more questions?

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