

## DO NOT FLUSH THESE THINGS

Just because the package says flushable doesn't mean it's true. Many items marketed as disposable and/or flushable do not degrade like toilet paper, and wind up clogging pipes, tangling pumps and causing messy sewer backups into streets, businesses and homes.

Our sewers are designed to dispose of very specific things. Using your toilet for disposal of many modern products can result in blockages. The drains that connect your home to the main sewer are only big enough to carry water, toilet paper and human waste. Sewer pipes are often no wider than 4 inches.

### What Not to Flush

- Diapers – cloth, disposable, flushable
- Facial tissues
- Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, etc.
- **FATS, OILS, AND GREASES**
- Toilet bowl scrub pads
- Swiffers
- Napkins – paper or cloth, paper towels
- Dental floss
- Egg shells, nut shells and coffee grounds
- Food items containing seeds and peelings
- Hair
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms or any non-organic material
- Vitamins, medicines or other pharmaceuticals
- Wash cloths, towels, rags (any cloth item)
- Clothing
- Sheet plastic or plastic of any kind

Some things you can do are avoid purchasing flushable items. Clean with a sponge or a rag that you can reuse. If it can't be reused, recycled or composted, please place it in the garbage. The only thing that should be flushed is toilet paper and human waste.

### Wet Wipes

If you must use a "wet wipe" product rather than just toilet paper, dispose of them in the garbage, not down the toilet. While packaging on some "flushable wipes" says the product will disintegrate like toilet paper, that generally is not accurate and these items can cause messy sewage backups into your home or neighbors' homes, local businesses or the street. If you would like more information or have any questions please call the City of Imlay City Department of Public Works (810) 724-8712.