

Town of Burlington

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM THE TOWN OF FARMINGTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILTY

IT'S A TOILET, NOT A TRASHCAN!

Toilets are only meant for one activity, and you know what we're talking about! When the wrong things are flushed, results can include costly backups on your own property, and in the Town's sewer system. They also cause problems at our wastewater treatment plant. That's why it's so important to treat toilets properly and flush only your personal contributions to the Town's wastewater treatment plant. Some of these items are also controversially labeled as "flushable"

Remember, in one way or another,

ALL DRAINS LEAD TO THE RIVER.

DO NOT flush any items like:

- Baby wipes and diapers
- Paper towels
- Cleaning/disinfecting wipes
- Cotton swabs
- Syringes
- Candy and other food wrappers
- Cleaning sponges
- Plastic items of any description
- Kitty litter
- Rubber items such as latex gloves
- Cigarette butts
- Sanitary napkins
- Hair
- Underwear
- Disposable toilet brushes

Kitchen Clean Up

Rinsing Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) and food waste down your drains also results in problems in our pipes and sewer system. Although fats, oils, and grease in a warm liquid may appear harmless as they flow easily down the drain; as the liquid cools, FOG solidifies and separates from the water and sticks to the inside of pipes. Over time, layers of FOG build up and form restrictions, blockages and accumulations in our sewers and pump stations. Allow grease and oil to cool and pour it into a container, or wipe it out of pots, pans and dishes and dispose of it in the garbage. Run a web search for "Fatberg" for some interesting reading.