

# Don't Rush, Think Before You Flush



Help protect the environment and your regional wastewater collection and treatment systems by reducing the amount of contaminants discharged into the sanitary sewer systems.

## What you put down the drain matters!

Most people think that wastewater treatment will deal with anything we put down the drain. The reality is wastewater treatment cannot remove all contaminants. That means some contaminants can impact the environment even after treatment.

## What's the problem?

Our aim is to protect our environment and watershed by reducing industrial, commercial, institutional and household contaminants from being discharged to the city sewer system and eventually back into the Lake. As more than 60,000 residents get their drinking water from Okanagan Lake, it is important to keep specific contaminants out of our precious water supply.

Some chemicals, drugs and pharmaceuticals cannot be treated or removed at the Wastewater Treatment Facility and should never be flushed down the drain or toilet.

Cooking oil or grease poured down the drain is the number one cause of sewer blockages and overflows. It clogs up pipes and sticks to the equipment in sewer lift stations.

**It costs more than \$60,000 annually to clear grease from our sewers.**

Disposable wipes, dental floss, hygienic products and anything that will not disintegrate should be disposed into the garbage and not flushed down the toilet. These items entangle with other waste and create problems in the collection system and at the treatment plant.

**But you can make a difference!**

For more information please visit [www.regionaldistrict.com](http://www.regionaldistrict.com) and do your part for the environment.

Keep

Your

Pipes

Clean

Help prevent clogs  
and sewer over flows.

### Don't Flush:

Fats, Oils & Greases  
Medications  
Non-Flushable Products  
Cleaning Products  
Motor Oil  
Old Paint

What can you do?



