



**Metropolitan Water
Reclamation District
of Greater Chicago**

FLUSH WITH CARE

The toilet is an important fixture that has been skillfully designed for only one activity. Although people know what that activity is, many people misuse their toilet and don't flush with care. The toilet is not a trashcan. Flushing with care means to only flush the 3Ps—pee, poop, and (toilet) paper. Everything else should be deposited in the trashcan, recycled, or composted.



DO NOT FLUSH UNWANTED MEDICATION!

Take medicine to a safe drug collection box at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) or another designated facility. Visit mwrdd.org for a complete list of our collection boxes, along with others located throughout Cook County.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DON'T FLUSH WITH CARE

Flushing items that don't belong in the toilet can harm the local sewer system, water reclamation plants (WRPs), and the water environment.

Flushing with care can prevent costly damage from sewer overflows and backups.



WHAT NOT TO FLUSH

- Contact Lenses
- Dental Floss
- Diapers (this includes related products such as inserts, liners, etc.)
- Hair
- Cat Litter
- Fish
- Wipes (any kind... yes, including those labeled "flushable" or "biodegradable")
- Paper Towels
- Facial Tissue
- Personal Hygiene Products
- Cosmetics
- Medication & Vitamins
- Medical Supplies
- Cotton Swabs
- Cleaning Products
- Food
- Fats, Oils & Grease
- Household Hazardous Waste (paint, oil, chemicals, fuel, etc.)
- Toothbrushes
- Plastic Items

**ONLY FLUSH THE 3Ps
PEE, POOP, & (TOILET) PAPER**

