

Sewer Use Guidelines

PLEASE BE AWARE that our sanitary sewer collection and wastewater treatment system is designed to handle ONLY three types of waste products:

- Water
- Human body waste
- Toilet paper



WE ARE ASKING THAT RESIDENTS DO NOT USE THEIR TOILETS AS TRASH CANS. Flushing foreign materials puts yourself, your neighbors, and your community at risk for costly sewer line repairs, reduces the service life of the main lines and pumping equipment, can be harmful to our treatment system, increases the cost of maintaining the District's sewer and treatment system, and can harm our natural environment.

Any item that is flushed down the toilet, or poured down a sink or drain, has the potential to accumulate in the District's sewer main potentially causing clogged lines and sewer overflows. Or, objects may become lodged in the impellers in the pumps in the lift station. A sanitary sewer system overflow is as bad as it sounds. As property owners in the Hebggen Water & Sewer District, we need to protect our assets. The toilet is NOT a trash can – never flush down anything but toilet paper.

Diapers, feminine products, grease buildup, and tree roots are the leading causes of preventable backups. Flushable wipes, paper towels and shop towels do not disintegrate and can cause expensive backups and equipment issues and shouldn't be flushed to the sewer system.

Some cleaning products and drain cleaners contain toxic chemicals that can harm the treatment system and the natural environment. Care should be taken to discharge the minimal amount of appropriate products to the sewer system.

Sinks, toilets, and floor drains are also not meant for the disposal of grease, oil, sand, coffee grounds, paint, flammable liquids, kitty litter, bird seed, or wax.

WATER SOFTENER BACKWASH (brine) is harmful to the treatment system and drain field and shouldn't be discharged to the sewer system.

NEVER flush prescription or over-the-counter medications or hypodermic needles. Hazardous materials and toxic or caustic liquids must be disposed of according to applicable regulations.

No SUMP PUMP shall be connected or discharged into the sanitary sewer system.

PLEASE REMEMBER that our treated wastewater is discharged to the groundwater that eventually enters Hebggen Lake.