

# City of Marsing

Neighbors helping neighbors

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## SHOULD “FLUSHABLE” WIPES BE FLUSHED?

Flushable means something can be flushed down the toilet, but SHOULD it be flushed? When wipes, feminine products, garbage, etc. is flushed down the toilet it has the potential to create blockages in the residential sewer lines and the city sewer mainlines, clog wastewater pumps, and fill up the wastewater lagoons with non-biodegradable material. Disposing of “flushable” wipes, feminine products, garbage, food, grease, etc. in the trash is better for everyone. Residential sewer repairs can range from several hundred dollars to tens of thousands dollars.

Garbage disposals are a good concept, but everything that goes into a garbage disposal gets ground up into a slurry which has the potential to settle out and become a blockage in a homeowner’s sewer line and the city sewer mainline. Hot grease and cooking oil is a liquid, and when that liquid goes into the drain, it cools down very quickly and becomes a solid blockage in the residential sewer lines and the city sewer mainlines. These should be allowed to cool then put in the trash.

Gasoline, vehicle oil, explosive and flammable materials, etc. are very dangerous and prohibited to be put into the sewer system. These types of materials can become a bomb in the sewer lines and cause mass destruction under the right circumstances. They should never be put into the sewer system! These should be disposed of properly according to EPA standards.

Chemicals, medical waste, toxic materials are very dangerous and prohibited to be put into the sewer system. These types of materials are a health and environmental hazard. They will kill the microorganisms of the wastewater lagoons and kill the fish and animals of the receiving waters that is the snake river. These should be disposed of properly according to EPA standards.



Picture of grease buildup in city sewer main on 3<sup>rd</sup> round of cleaning.

Please protect your home’s sewer system, the city sewer system, and the environment by disposing of different wastes properly! Thank you!!!