



ATTENTION YAKIMA BUSINESS OWNERS

PLEASE DO NOT DUMP GARBAGE INTO THE SANITARY SEWER!

Large quantities (slugloads) of garbage causes plugged sewer lines, sewer back-ups and problems with operations at the City of Yakima Wastewater Treatment Plant (City). Recently, a significant amount of 'disposable' wipes were discharged into the sewer system. The City spends time and money to remove garbage that causes sewer back-ups and damage to equipment at the wastewater treatment plant.

The City asks all business owners to review best management practices with your employees and custodial services to prevent the discharge of non-disposable items.

What to flush?

- **Toilet paper and human waste**

What **not** to flush?

- Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, etc.
- Diapers (cloth, disposable, "flushable")
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms, or any non-organic material
- Facial tissues
- Toilet bowl scrub pads
- Napkins (paper or cloth), paper towels
- Dental floss
- Food items, including fats, oil and grease
- Hair
- Pharmaceuticals, vitamins, etc.
- Wash cloths, towels, rags (any cloth item)
- Plastic

The City appreciates help from Yakima businesses to eliminate this type of discharge into the wastewater system.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment in protecting the sewer treatment operations and ultimately the environment.

If you have any questions, please call me at (509) 249-6816.

Sincerely,

Arlene Carter
Pretreatment Supervisor