



What should I do with...?

1. **Medications.** Over-the-counter and prescription medications are generally not removed from sewage at wastewater treatment facilities. To ensure that these chemicals do not end up in our waterways, we suggest that you take un-used medications for disposal to the drop-off center at the Police Station. Medical equipment, such as needles or bandages, should be placed in a sealed metal container and placed in the garbage.
2. **Paper and Cloth.** With the exception of toilet paper. Other tissues, paper towels, cleaning cloths, etc. do not readily dissolve. Please place these materials in the garbage.
3. **Feminine Products.** Please place tampons and other feminine hygiene products in the garbage.
4. **Wipes.** Please place wipes, even the "flushable" ones, in the garbage.
5. **Dental Floss.** Does not breakdown, easily wraps around other materials causing blockages. Place dental floss in the garbage.
6. **Plastics.** Plastic containers labeled #1-#7 can be recycled at curb-side. Other types of plastics should be placed in the garbage. No plastics should be flushed down the drain.
7. **Chemicals.** These types of materials are toxic to aquatic life and should not be flushed into the sanitary sewer system. They can be safely disposed at the Lorain County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center at 540 South Abbe Road in Elyria. For more information, contact the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District at 329-5440 or visit the County's web-site at www.loraincounty.us/solidwaste.
8. **Grease.** Industrial or automotive grease and oil can also be taken to the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center.
9. **Cooking Oil & Grease.** Oil and grease that may be liquid when you flush it down the drain quickly solidify in cooler water. They are a common cause of kitchen sink and sanitary sewer lateral back-ups. Oil and grease should be put into a sealed container and put into the garbage.
10. **Condoms.** Please place in the garbage.
11. **Diapers.** Please place in the garbage.