

To all residents.
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How to Properly Dispose of Waste at RW-C

Whether you flush it down the toilet, grind it in the garbage disposal, or pour it down the sink, shower, or bath, everything that goes down your drains ends up in RW-C's waste system, which you need to think of as your septic system. What goes down the drain affects how well our septic system works.

Toilets aren't trash cans!

Our waste water system is not a trash can. An easy rule of thumb: Do not flush anything besides human waste and toilet paper. Never flush:

- Wipes, such as baby wipes or other wet wipes. Even if the wipes are labeled as, "flushable," they aren't. Please consider them to be non-flushable, as they wreak havoc on our wastewater system.
- Non-flushable wipes, such as baby wipes or other wet wipes. Even if the wipes say, "flushable," they aren't!
- Feminine hygiene products
- Dental floss
- Diapers or related products
- Wash cloths or similar rags
- Cigarette butts
- Coffee grounds
- Cat litter
- Paper towels
- Pharmaceuticals
- Household chemicals like pesticides, antifreeze, and paint or paint thinners

Think at the sink!

Our wastewater system contains a collection of living organisms that digest and treat household waste. Pouring toxins down your drain can kill these organisms and harm our wastewater treatment process.

Whether you are at the kitchen sink, bathtub, or bathroom sink:

- Avoid chemical drain openers for a clogged drain. Instead, use boiling water or a drain snake. Better yet, please call maintenance at X-4021.
- Never pour cooking oil or grease down the drain. Instead, pour into tin can and cool before putting in trash receptacle.
- Never pour paints, solvents, or large volumes of toxic cleaners down the drain. Even latex paint waste is very damaging. Wash brushes at an outdoor spigot
- Eliminate or limit the use of a garbage disposal. This will significantly reduce the amount of fats, grease, and solids that enter the septic system and ultimately clog our drain field. Use drain strainer and put food waste in trash receptacle.

Please Conserve Water Usage:

- Wash only full loads of clothing or dishes
- Do not let sink run unnecessarily (ie: do not use running water to thaw frozen meats)
- Please report leaking faucets or toilets to maintenance