

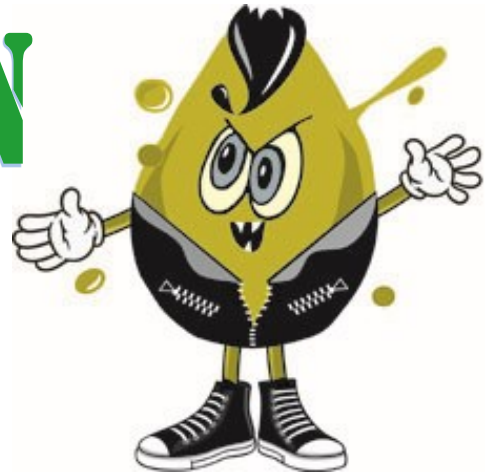


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THE CITY OF CHICO WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PLANT THANKS YOU FOR
PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE.

GREASE GOBLIN

**LAST SEEN:
LOITERING IN DRAINS AND PIPES**

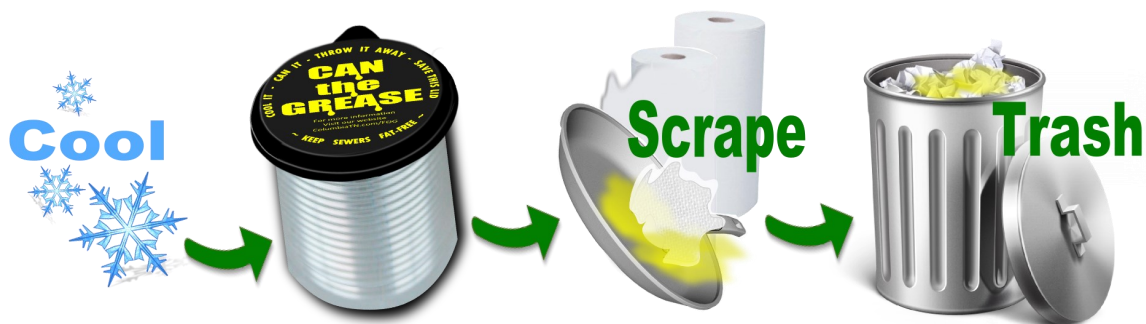
**WANTED FOR:
CAUSING SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS**



FATS, OILS, AND GREASE (AKA F.O.G.)

SOURCES OF F.O.G.: MEAT JUICES, COOKING OILS, DAIRY PRODUCTS, SAUCES, GRAVIES, SALAD DRESSINGS

When you pour or wash F.O.G. down your drain, it can eventually clog your privately owned sewer line or the city's sewer lines causing a backup into your home or onto your street. When these sanitary sewer overflows occur it can be costly to you and to the city, detrimental to our environment, and a public health issue.



You can help by following these 3 simple steps for proper disposal of F.O.G. and best management practices when you wash your dishes:

1. Once cooled, pour used cooking oil or scrape fats & grease into a disposable container or can. Throw it in the garbage.
2. Soak up remaining oil, grease & fat with a paper towel. Throw it in the garbage.
3. Before you wash dishes, scrape food scraps into the garbage.

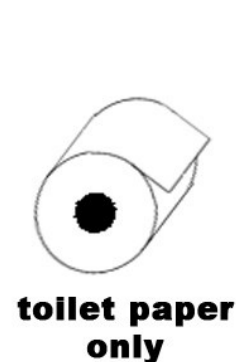
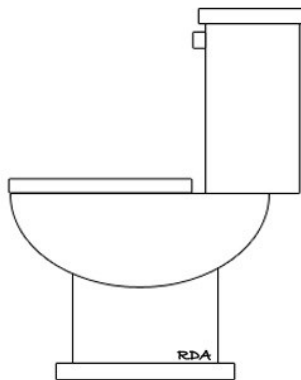


Wipes Clog Pipes

Even if labeled “flushable” disposable wet wipes should not be flushed down the toilet. Wipes clog pipes! Wipes, whether for babies or for adults, do not break down when it water. Instead they end up accumulating in a mass along with grease and other non-biodegradable objects creating “fatbergs”. These fatbergs can clog your privately-owned sewer line and the city-owned sewer lines causing costly backups in your home or on your street. These backups are a public health risk and can be detrimental to our environment if they reach storm drains or waterways.

Please Remember:

**IGNORE THE HYPE:
DON'T FLUSH A WIPE!**



All non-toilet paper items should go into the trash.

The Toilet is NOT a Trashcan

Toilets are only meant for one activity, and you know what we are talking about. When the wrong thing is flushed, backups could occur in your home or cause sanitary sewer overflows on your street causing public health concerns and pollution of our waterways. Even products labeled “flushable” should not be flushed.

The Dirty Dozen

1. Baby Wipes
2. Flushable Wipes
3. Rags/Towels
4. Diapers
5. Tampons/Pads
6. Hair

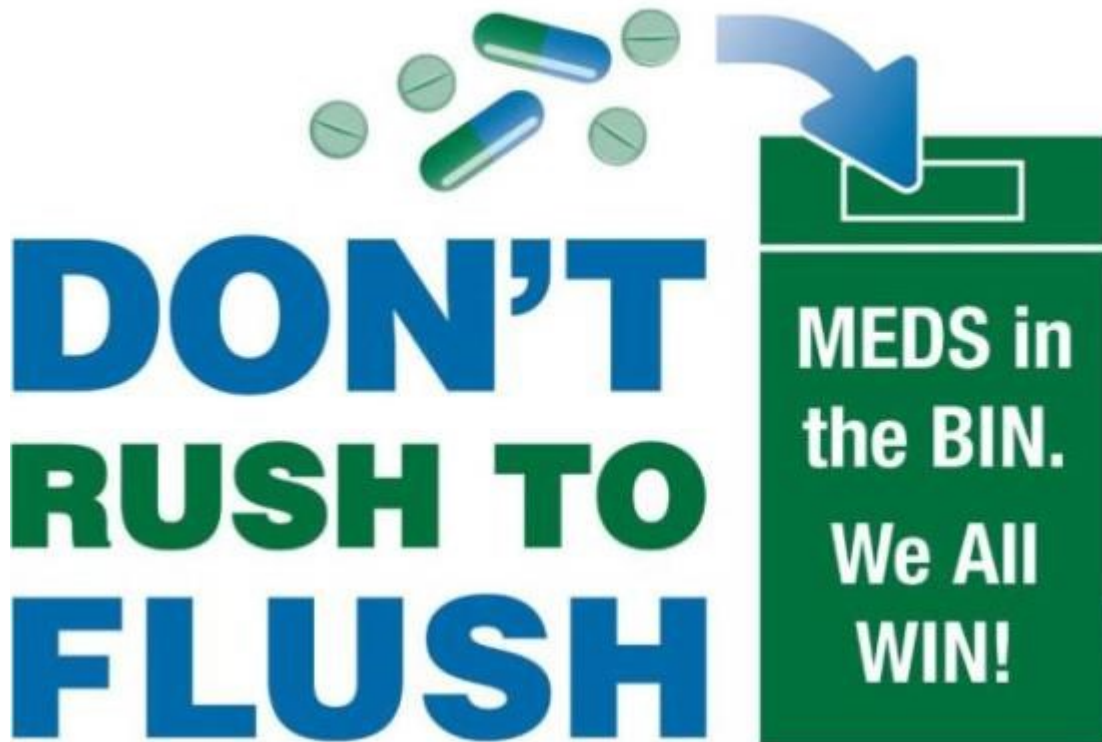


7. Kitty Litter
8. Medications
9. Cigarette Butts
10. Cotton swabs
11. Condoms
12. Food Wrappers

If you are unsure of whether or not an item is okay to flush, just remember the **Three “P’s” Rule: Poo, Pee and Paper** (the toilet kind) are the only acceptable things to flush down the toilet.

Proper Disposal of Medications

Medications should never be flushed down the toilet or put down the drain. Wastewater treatment facilities are not designed to remove pharmaceutical chemical compounds from wastewater. This means they could end up in our local waterways untreated, potentially harming wildlife. Medications should be properly disposed of in a med-waste bin. See below for locations of local med-waste bins or talk to your prescribing doctor on proper disposal of medications.



Butte County Household Hazardous Waste Facility

Open every Friday (9 am-1 pm) & Saturday (9 am-4 pm)

1101 Marauder Street, Chico

*Also takes medical sharps

Walgreens Pharmacy

860 East Avenue, Chico

Should you flush kitty litter?



Most kitty litter is made up of bentonite clay which forms a cement-like substance when water is added to it. Flushing kitty litter can lead to clogged pipes causing backups into your home or on your street. These backups can be detrimental to our environment and a public health concern. Even if you don't use the clay-type of kitty litter, you still shouldn't flush the litter or cat excrement down the toilet. Cat poop has a parasite called *Toxoplasma gondii*. It's eggs can survive the waste water treatment process and end up in our waterways infecting other mammals, and potentially killing them.

Kitty litter should be bagged and thrown in the trash can.



Tip: Keep old produce bags to use as little trash bags for when you clean out the litter box.

Hazardous Waste has its Place

The Butte Regional Household Hazardous Waste Facility is located at 1101 Marauder Street in Chico (out near the airport).

Phone number: 1-866-429-2288

When are they open?

Friday from 9am—1pm

Saturday from 9am—4pm

Closed when a holiday falls on Friday or Saturday

What does it cost?

It is FREE to dispose of household hazardous waste if you are a resident of Butte County (need to provide proof of residency such as a utility bill) and the amount you wish to dispose of is less than 50 lbs. or 5 gallons.

What they WILL NOT accept?

They cannot accept ammunition, radioactive waste, explosives, smoke detectors, tires or garbage.

Never flush anything down the toilet except human waste and toilet paper!

If you are unsure if something is hazardous call the Household Hazardous Waste Facility.

The Neal Road Recycling and Waste Facility can take large quantities of non-hazardous items. Check their website for fee schedules, hours of operation and what they will accept.

For more information regarding local recycling and donation centers for all types of household items check out

Butte County's website www.buttecounty.net/recyclebutte and click on the "By Material" icon.

You can donate used building supplies (usable paint, windows and doors, tile, lighting, hardware, etc) at Habitat for Humanity Re-Store at 220 Meyers Street in Chico, 530-895-1271.

If you witness illegal dumping call the hotline at 1-866-369-3867 (DUMP).

More information on Household Hazardous Waste chart