

KEEP THE SYSTEM CLEAN

Can we talk toilets for a minute? We know it's a slightly unsavoury topic, but something has changed since most of us first got trained on best bathroom practices. We're talking about so-called "flushable" wipes.

Many wipes say they can be flushed, but your toilet might disagree. The fact is toilets and our sewer systems aren't meant to handle wipes. Just the basics - pee, poop and toilet paper.

NEVER FLUSH WIPES!

Unlike toilet paper, wipes don't easily break down when flushed, even the ones labeled "flushable." As they travel through the sewer system, wipes can clog sewer lines, pumps and even your own pipes. This can cause backed up pipes, flooded basements and sewage spills into our environment.

No one needs to see that!



The only things that should go down your toilet are pee, poop and toilet paper.

Remember - even if they say they're flushable, wipes need to go in the garbage.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO?

RECYCLE Used cooking oil is accepted at all CVRD Recycling Centres. It can also be dropped off at Cowichan Energy Alternative Residential Waste Oil Collection Bins located around the community.

DISPOSE Bring unused pharmaceutical drugs and medications to local pharmacies.



WHAT I CAN'T FLUSH?

Many of these items become stringy and bind together to block pipes.

**Tissues
Diapers
Cotton Balls
Tampons
Dental Floss
Paper Towels
Oils & Grease
Hair**

Thank you for **your** cooperation!