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The City of Dripping Springs Says: Watch What You Flush!

DRIPPING SPRINGS, TEXAS – April 8, 2020 – Dripping Springs is asking residents to watch what they flush. The City wants its residents to be aware that putting the wrong things down the drain can damage the sewer system or private septic systems.

Per Aaron Reed, the City of Dripping Springs Public Works Coordinator, “We know that toilet paper has at times been a scarce commodity during this Covid-19 pandemic and many are using sanitizing wipes or other alternatives. But it’s important that residents are aware of the damage that can do to our system. Flushing anything other than toilet paper can cause sewer backups in your home and sewer releases to the environment.”

Per Reed, even though some products such as wipes and baby diapers claim to be flushable, they aren't. The only thing that should be flushed down a toilet are human waste and toilet paper. Do not flush the following items:

- cleaning wipes of any kind
- facial tissue
- disposable diapers and baby wipes
- tampons and tampon applicators
- sanitary napkins
- cotton balls and swabs
- mini or maxi pads
- condoms
- bandages and bandage wrappings
- automotive fluids
- paint, solvents, sealants and thinners
- poisons and hazardous waste
- pet waste
- unused medications
- fats and grease

Flushing these items in the toilet isn't the only thing that could harm the system. The same items not be poured down the drain either. Fats, grease, fluids, solvents, and other liquids and waste listed above can do serious damage to the system and the environment whether flushed or disposed of in the drain. The City asks its residents to dispose all the above items in the proper way and be responsible for what they flush or pour down drains.

If you have any questions, please reach out to the City at 512-858-4725.

WATCH WHAT YOU FLUSH

STOP! Protect Your System!

Flushing things other than toilet paper can do damage to your system and the environment!



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