

Invading Your Toilet and Pipes

DON'T LET THE UNFLUSHABLES TAKE OVER YOUR BATHROOM.

They're most wanted for clogging pipes and causing overflows in your neighborhood. Help us keep these misfits out of your toilet and in the TRASH where they belong to keep wastewater treatment costs down, sewer lines clear and the environment protected.

Remember to only flush the 3Ps: Paper, Poo and Pee! EVERYTHING else belongs in the TRASH ... including "flushable" wipes. THIS IS INFORMATION PROVIDED BY GAINESVILLE REGIONAL UTILITIES

BOSS FLOSS: RING LEADER & EXPERT PIPE TANGLER

A.K.A. Dental Floss, Flosser T

Charges: Inciting sewage spills in the 1st degree, conspiring to clog pipes and sewers

Last Seen: Causing a tangled mess in your pipes

Quote: "A lil floss does hurt"

Proper Disposal: The trash can.

Quick Fact: Dental floss is made of nylon or teflon and is not biodegradable, so it will not break down overtime. If you floss daily (which you should), the little pieces of string add up. Dental floss can easily become wrapped around wipes and feminine hygiene products and other floss creating larger blockages. So a little floss could definitely hurt your pipes.

FLO: UNSUSPECTING MEMBER OF THE UNFLUSHABLES

A.K.A. Feminine products, Maxi Paddington, Tammy Crimson, Rouge Rebel

Charges: "Accidental" toilet slaughter in the 1st degree. (It wasn't accidental. She planned it.)

Conspiring to clog pipes and sewers

Last seen: Sneaking around your purse.

Quote: "Time to cause an over-Flo."

Proper Disposal: Wrap it in toilet paper and toss it into a lined trash can.

Quick fact: Aunt Flo accounts for about 8 percent of trash found at our wastewater treatment plant

WRECK-IT WIPES: NOTORIOUS TROUBLE MAKER

A.K.A. Baby Wipes, Wet Ones, "Flushable"

Charges: 60 counts of Inciting Toilet Overflows in the First Degree, 75 counts of Inciting Slow Draining of Toilets, Showers and Sinks and 120 counts of Conspiring to Clog Pipes and Sewers

Last seen: Ruining toilets since the 1950s (Career offender); stealing toilet paper's identity

Quote: "I'm ready to cause a wreck!"

Proper Disposal: The trashcan

Quick fact: Over 1/2 of our wastewater overflows are caused by improper disposal of wipes. ALL wipes should be placed in the trash and not the toilet, including flushable wipes, cleaning wipes, make-up wipes, feminine hygiene wipes, and baby wipes.

Additional items which you must be careful of going down your drains: grease, oil, hair, condoms, bones, hard seeds, pits, rice, pasta, coffee grounds, all food debris, paper, paper towels, metal, dental floss, tampons, tampon applicators, cigarette butts, Q-tips, sanitary napkins, condoms, "flushable" wipes, "flushable" toilet cleaners; etc. should be placed in garbage cans. This is not an all-inclusive list. Normal plumbing systems cannot accept these items. Toilet tank cleaning tablets are not to be used as they can breakdown plastic components or clog plumbing. Ask your property manager if you have any questions!