

## WHEN IT COMES TO DISPOSAL ...

Drains, toilets and trash cans are not all the same. Disposing of trash down drains and toilets can lead to sewer overflows and back-ups that can cause harm to human health and our local environment.



*Using drains and toilets as trash cans may create sewer overflows into streets and water bodies.*



*Treatment plants effectively remove toilet paper from wastewater; all other garbage should go in the trash can.*

## HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL

Products that are hazardous should not go down your sink, toilet, storm drains or in the trash can. A product is hazardous if the label says: CAUTION-WARNING-DANGER-POISON.

Avoid hazardous products when you shop. Read the label first!



Choose products with little or no scent; avoid aerosols. Buy only what you need. Follow label instructions. For more information on household hazardous waste, contact:

“Keep Delaware County Beautiful”  
at the Delaware General Health District,  
740-368-1700, [www.delawarehealth.org](http://www.delawarehealth.org)



## LET'S TALK TRASH



*Protecting water quality  
starts with each of us!*



City of  
Delaware  
Ohio  
Public Utilities Department  
740-203-1900 [www.delawareohio.net](http://www.delawareohio.net)

## IN THE KITCHEN:

★ Grease and produce stickers = trash

★ Food = garbage or compost

Grease sticks to household and sewage pipes. Over time, grease build-up will block the entire pipe and result in raw sewage backing up into your home or overflowing into the street or waterway. Follow these four simple steps to keep things running smoothly.



**DON'T** put produce stickers down the drain.

**DON'T** put grease, fats, or oil of any type down your drain or garbage disposal.



**DO** use baskets or strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids and empty them into the trash or compost them.

**DO** scrape grease and food scraps from cooking surfaces into a container and put in the trash can or compost.



## THESE ITEMS BELONG IN THE TRASH CAN



### IN THE BATHROOM: think trash not toilets

Flushing the wrong thing down the toilet damages your household plumbing, your environment and the wastewater treatment system. If it isn't biodegradable, put it in the trash instead of the toilet.



Band-aid and bandage wrappers



Facial wipes



Cleaning wipes



Cotton balls, swabs and pads



Expired and unused prescription or over-the-counter medications (Return to your pharmacy or place in trash can).



Hair



Dental floss and teeth whitening strips



Condoms



Disposable diapers, nursing pads and baby wipes



Kitty litter



Mini and maxi pads



Tampons and applicators

*Protecting water quality starts with each of us.*



Public Utilities Department

740-203-1900 [www.delawareohio.net](http://www.delawareohio.net)