

WHEN IT COMES TO GARBAGE, IT BELONGS IN THE TRASH.

Your drains are not trash cans. The water from your home or business (toilet, shower, kitchen, etc.) eventually ends up into one of the most beautiful parts of our community, the San Francisco Bay.

Throwing anything other than toilet paper down the drains can cause sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) and will severely impact your plumbing system, the sewer system, and the processes at the treatment plant.

**PROPERLY DISPOSING
OF YOUR WASTE
WILL HELP PROTECT
PUBLIC HEALTH AND
THE ENVIRONMENT.**



www.smcgov.org/sewers

Burlingame Hills Sewer Maintenance District
Crystal Springs County Sanitation District
Devonshire County Sanitation District
Edgewood Sewer Maintenance District
Emerald Lake Heights Sewer Maintenance District
Fair Oaks Sewer Maintenance District
Harbor Industrial Sewer Maintenance District
Kensington Square Sewer Maintenance District
Oak Knoll Sewer Maintenance District
Scenic Heights County Sanitation District

Department of Public Works
555 County Center, 5th Fl
Redwood City, CA 94063
(650) 363-4100

For more information about
Stormwater Pollution Prevention visit the
**San Mateo Countywide Water
Pollution Prevention Program
(SMCWPPP)**
www.flowstobay.org

RETHINK
**WHAT
YOU FLUSH...**



FLUSH GREEN

**AND
\$AVE
GREEN**



**PROTECTING OUR WATER QUALITY
STARTS WITH EACH OF US,
SO PLEASE... FLUSH ONLY
TOILET PAPER IN THE TOILET**

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**FLUSH
ONLY
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the **DIRTY DOZEN** all these items belong in the trash, not the toilet



Baby Wipes



Tampons,
Applicators, & Pads



Paper
Towels



Cleaning
Wipes



Maxi Pads & their
Wrappers



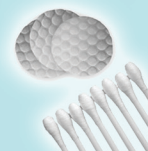
Condoms &
their Wrappers



Cigarette Butts &
Cigarette Wrappings



Hair



Q-tips &
Make-up Pads



Prescription &
OTC Medications



Kitty Litter



Cellophane Wrapping
& Plastic Bags

WHERE TO DISPOSE OF **HAZARDOUS WASTE**

For household hazardous (HHW)
disposal options contact:

San Mateo County HHW
at (650) 372-6200

Make an appointment on-line,
<http://events.smhealth.org/events>
or visit www.smhealth.org/hhw

ACCEPTED MATERIALS

- Oil-based paints, varnishes and stains
- Paint thinner
- Household cleaners
- Aerosol spray cans
- Furniture and metal polishes
- Pesticides and garden chemicals
- Pool and spa chemicals
- Photographic chemicals
- Art and hobby supplies
- Automotive Products
- Batteries (home & car)
- Hobby supplies
- Fuels
- Propane tanks from barbecues
- Mercury Containing Items (fluorescent light bulbs, old thermometers, etc.)

NOT ACCEPTED MATERIALS

- Ammunition
- Asbestos
- Biological materials
- Business-generated materials
- Electronics
- Explosives
- Radioactive materials
- Compressed gas cylinders

*No need for an appointment
if you take the following to
local Drop-Offs:

- household batteries
- old medications
- latex paint
- fluorescent light bulbs
- auto batteries
- used oil
- oil filters
- antifreeze

To dispose or recycle other unwanted
household products and unwanted
pharmaceuticals visit the following:

www.recycleworks.org
www.earth911.com

To prevent pollution of our waterways visit
www.baywise.org or www.flowstobay.org

**Remember the toilet
is not a trash can!**