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



PROTECTING OUR WATER QUALITY STARTS WITH EACH OF US, SO PLEASE... FLUSH ONLY TOILET PAPER IN THE TOILET **Protecting our** water quality starts with each of us, so please...

FLUSH ONLY **TOILET** PAPER IN THE TOILET



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

Remember the toilet is not a trash can!

For household hazardous (HHW) disposal options contact:

San Mateo County HHW at (650) 372-6200 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.smcsustainability.org/waste-reduction www.earth911.com

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