

Household chemicals should be disposed of properly, not down the drain. They may cause build-up in pipes, and may also be hazardous.

Be sure to properly dispose of:

- Motor oil
- Gasoline
- Other flammable or explosive substances
- Transmission fluids
- Anti-freeze
- Solvents
- Paints
- Turpentine
- Acids
- Hazardous cleansers or disinfectants
- Other corrosive substances



Don't strain your drain



Whether it's your kitchen sink, your tub or your toilet, sending the wrong liquids and solids down the drain can damage not just your plumbing, but pipes in the sewer collection system and wastewater treatment plant. Some things just aren't meant to go down the drain.

Useful Links

Water and sewer information

www.pinellascounty.org/resident/watersewer.htm

Disposing of chemicals-Residents

www.pinellascounty.org/solidwaste/swapshop.htm

Disposing of chemicals-Businesses

www.pinellascounty.org/solidwaste/business-waste.htm

Prescription drug drop-off

www.pinellasdrugabuse.com

Commercial grease management

www.pinellascounty.org/utilities/grease.htm



They may be small. The package may even say “flushable.” But don’t be fooled. Items like pre-moistened wipes, tissues and dental floss don’t dissolve well, or many times at all, in water.

That means they can get caught in the pipes in your home or in the sewer collection system, causing build-up that can lead to a sewer backup. ***Stash them in the trash!***

Don’t let these items get caught in the pipes:

- Pre-moistened wipes
- Bandages or dressings
- Cotton balls or swabs
- Catheters
- Wrappers
- Feminine hygiene products
- Facial tissues
- Dental floss
- Test strips
- Topical creams, lotions or solutions
- Medications or supplements
- Cigarette butts
- Diapers
- Hair
- Condoms
- Paper towels
- Hypodermic needles
- Nail polish or nail polish remover
- Dust, dirt or lint
- Cat litter (even the “flushable” kind)



When chemicals from medications, supplements and certain household cleaners go down the drain, they become part of the water. Wastewater treatment facilities are not equipped to remove these chemicals. When water is discharged from these facilities, they can find their way into natural water bodies, potentially harming aquatic and marine life. Throw away old medications or drop them off at a drug take-back site. Dispose of cleaners and chemicals through the Household Electronics and Chemical Collection Center.



Cooking a meal can produce lots of scraps. ***Don’t sink your sink—throw them away!***



- Meat fats
- Cooking oil
- Butter, margarine or shortening
- Sauces
- Solid dairy products
- Pieces of food
- Coffee grinds
- Flour or other baking ingredients
- Egg shells
- Produce stickers

