



**Metropolitan Water
Reclamation District
of Greater Chicago**

FLUSH WITH CARE

The toilet is an important fixture that has been skillfully designed for only one activity. Although people know what that activity is, many people misuse their toilet and don't flush with care. The toilet is not a trash can. Flushing with care means to only flush the 3Ps—pee, poop, and (toilet) paper. Everything else should be deposited in the trash can, recycled, or composted.



DO NOT FLUSH UNWANTED MEDICATION!

Take medicine to a safe drug collection box at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) or another designated facility. Visit mwrdd.org for a complete list of our collection boxes, along with others located throughout Cook County.

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DON'T FLUSH WITH CARE

Flushing items that don't belong in the toilet can harm the local sewer system, water reclamation plants (WRPs), and the water environment. Flushing with care can prevent costly damage from sewer overflows and backups.



WHAT NOT TO FLUSH

- Contact Lenses
- Dental Floss
- Diapers (this includes related products such as inserts, liners, etc.)
- Hair
- Cat Litter
- Fish
- Wipes (any kind... yes, including those labeled "flushable" or "biodegradable")
- Paper Towels
- Facial Tissue
- Personal Hygiene Products
- Cosmetics
- Medication & Vitamins
- Medical Supplies
- Cotton Swabs
- Cleaning Products
- Food
- Fats, Oils & Grease
- Household Hazardous Waste (paint, oil, chemicals, fuel, etc.)
- Toothbrushes
- Plastic Items

**ONLY FLUSH THE 3Ps
PEE, POOP, & (TOILET) PAPER**



FLUSH WITH CARE WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the words below and write the answers on the lines.

LHUSF _ _ _ _ _

ASTEW _ _ _ _ _

SHIF _ _ _ _ _

SATRH _ _ _ _ _

TETIOL _ _ _ _ _

REEWS _ _ _ _ _

EDEMICIN _ _ _ _ _

PESWI _ _ _ _ _

TNEMVEOIRNN _ _ _ _ _

EPE _ _ _

ERGEAS _ _ _ _ _

MOOBRTHA _ _ _ _ _

TERWA _ _ _ _ _

KGASPUBA _ _ _ _ _

OFOD _ _ _

LYTCSO _ _ _

Use the letters highlighted in blue to answer the question below. You will also need to unscramble the answer.

WHY DID THE SUPERHEROES FLUSH THE TOILET?

It was their _ _ _ _ _.

TIPS TO FLUSH WITH CARE

Keep a waste basket in your bathroom.

Talk to your family, friends, and neighbors about using the toilet only for the 3Ps.

Remember, just because an item is small doesn't mean it should be flushed. Instead, determine if the item should be recycled, composted, or thrown away.



ANSWERS:
 FLUSH, WASTE, FISH,
 TRASH, TOILET, SEWER,
 MEDICINE, WIPES,
 ENVIRONMENT, PEE,
 GREASE, BATHROOM,
 WATER, BACKUPS,
 FOOD, COSTLY
 RIDDLE:
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