

Flush Responsibly!

Did you know...

that when flushed down the toilet or poured down your sink or floor drain, certain products may damage the sewer pipes in your home and yard, the sewer system in your neighborhood, Lake County's pumps and treatment facilities, and **the environment?**

The Lake County Public Works Department is asking residents to please refrain from disposing of certain products down your sink, floor drain or toilet. The following items should **never** be flushed down the toilet or discarded through a sink or floor drain:



General Household Waste

Dispose of in the trash

- Wet/dry cleaning cloths (Swiffer, etc)
- Any plastics (bags, gloves, condoms)
- Sanitary napkins and tampons
- Antibacterial wipes (Lysol, etc)
- Cooking oil, fat, and grease
- Diapers and diaper wipes
- Cloth, rags, and string
- Laundry dryer sheets
- Cotton swabs

Household Chemical Waste

Use a chemical waste disposal program

- Pharmaceutical drugs
- Over-the-counter medicines
- Household cleaning chemicals
- Hygiene or personal care products
- Fuels, motor oil, and antifreeze
- Paints and paint thinners
- Perfumes and cosmetics
- Lawn care chemicals



If you have questions about proper disposal of a certain item, please call Public Works at 847-377-7500 or email us at publicworks@lakecountyil.gov.

To learn about household chemical disposal options from the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) call 847-336-9340 or visit www.lakecountyil.gov/swalco.