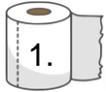


## Top Ten things you can do to help with this problem...



1. Flush **only** toilet paper and human waste.



2. **Do not pour** fats, oils and grease (**FOG**) down drains.



3. **Feminine hygiene products** such as tampons **should not be flushed**. Not the applicator. Not the tampon itself.



4. Have a small **garbage can in your bathroom** so people have somewhere to throw garbage.



5. **Do not keep facial tissues on the back of your toilet** as this promotes flushing the product after use.



6. If you purchase products labelled flushable such as toilet bowl scrub brush refillables, cleaning cloth wipes, or flushable wipes... **challenge the claim** and test the product yourself at home with a simple jar and room temperature water. Test it against toilet paper. Give it approximately five seconds of agitation, which is the average toilet flush. See if it breaks down. Keeping in mind you are looking for particles and pieces to be about 5mm square or smaller.

Important to note: low flow toilets are beneficial for water conservation and are economical so keep in mind the impact of all these pseudo flushable products flushed in toilets with less water and less agitation.



7. If you purchase products labelled flushable... **read the small fine print**... often it reads like this; "Not all systems can accept flushable wipes. Ignoring disposal instructions may lead to clogs, property damage or regulatory violations. Disposal instructions: Do not flush if \* violates locale rules, using RV, Marine, or aviation systems, using macerator toilet or household pump or if fat and grease are put in any drain or you are unsure of system capability. Flushing ok if permitted by local rules. One wipe per flush. No history of clogs or backups. Septic inspected annually and pumped as necessary. If a problem is noticed, dispose of in trash and stop flushing."



8. **Never flush unused medicine** down toilets or drains. **Return** unused portions **to a pharmacy** for safe disposal.



9. **Never flush baby wipes**. Often the "Do Not Flush" is under a flap on the back of the packing but the manufactures do not intend for you to flush this product, ever.



10. Remember **toilets are not garbage cans**.



Thank you, from the Red Fish Route