



IN YOUR AREA SEWERAGE SYSTEM BLOCKAGES ARE OCCURRING



HELP US PROTECT THE SEWER SYSTEM AND STOP BLOCKAGES BY PUTTING THE CORRECT ITEMS DOWN THE TOILET, SINK AND OUTDOOR DRAINS.

BLOCKAGES ARE CAUSING DAMAGE TO THE HUNTER WATER WASTEWATER SYSTEM.

Sewerage system blockages are occurring in your area due to the wrong type of items being put down the toilet, sink and outdoor drains.

When you pour waste and chemicals down the sink or toilet they can create environmental damage, block up your drains or overload the sewer system.

WHAT IS CAUSING THE BLOCKAGES?

Recently there has been an increase in solid items entering the sewer system, causing blockages to occur.

The sewerage system is designed to treat degradable sewage. Items such as toilet fresheners, baby wipes, paper towels and other sanitary products are blocking the system in your area and these items should be put in a bag and binned, not flushed.

Please turn over for the list of items that should and shouldn't go into toilet, sink and outdoor drains.

BLOCKAGES AND THE SEWER SYSTEM

Everything that you put into the system has to be managed at some point by your local plumber or Hunter Water staff.

Many substances can stick to or become caught in sewer pipes and system. It is cheaper to dispose of waste responsibly than to pay for a plumber to clean out blocked drains.

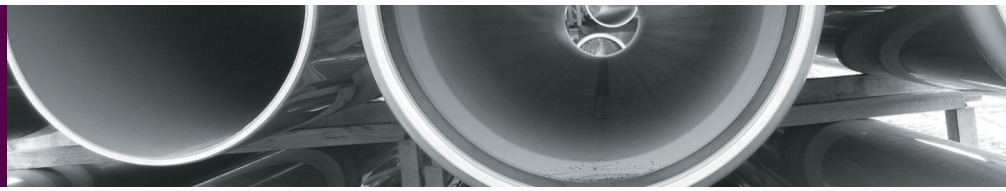
These blockages can occur in your household sewer pipes, the Hunter Water sewer pipeline, pumping stations or the wastewater treatment works.

Think before you flush the toilet or wash something down the sink.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information on protecting your system call Hunter Water - 1300 657 657 or email: enquiries@hunterwater.com.au.

PROTECTING THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM



WHAT ITEMS CAN GO INTO THE SEWER SYSTEM?

ITEM	Y/N	OTHER OPTIONS
water from kitchen sink, laundry, bathing	✓	using low phosphorus detergents is better for the environment
milk	✓	only in small amounts, otherwise pour onto your garden compost
yoghurt/dairy products	✗	dispose along with household rubbish
fruit & vegetable waste	✗	compost or dispose along with household rubbish
out of date juice	✓	only in small amounts, otherwise pour onto your garden compost
cooking oils & fats	✗	collect in a sealed container and dispose along with household rubbish
household paint	✗	contact your local council for chemical collections information or neighbourhood waste collection days
household cleaners	✗	follow disposal directions on package
toilet fresheners	✗	dispose along with household rubbish
chemicals, pesticides, motor oils	✗	contact your local council for chemical collections information or neighbourhood waste collection days
pills & medicines	✗	hand in to chemist in original container
cosmetics & cotton buds	✗	dispose along with household rubbish
nappies & sanitary products	✗	dispose along with household rubbish
stormwater & yard drainage	✗	drain to stormwater system

**PLEASE DISCUSS
PROTECTING THE SEWERAGE
SYSTEM WITH ALL MEMBERS
OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD**