

Don't Throw Garbage Down the Drain



Water and Waste Department

KEEP OUR RIVERS CLEAN!

Don't use the sewer as a garbage can.

What goes into the sewer through toilets, sinks or storm drains can end up in our rivers.

In your home or where you work

Don't put items such as these down the drain – put them in the garbage where they belong.

- ▶ cigarette butts
- ▶ dental floss
- ▶ condoms
- ▶ rags
- ▶ tampons and tampon applicators
- ▶ sanitary napkins
- ▶ disposable diapers
- ▶ human and pet hair
- ▶ cotton swabs
- ▶ cosmetics/makeup
- ▶ food scraps (better yet compost them or dig them into your garden)
- ▶ vegetable and animal grease, fats, oils (they can clog the sewer in your home and the City system, and cause sewer backup)

In your yard and on the street

Anything on the ground can wash into the storm drains on streets and lanes and end up in the rivers. Please:

- ▶ Clean up your pet waste.
- ▶ Check your vehicle regularly to make sure harmful fluids, such as oil, antifreeze and gasoline, aren't leaking.
- ▶ Don't litter.
- ▶ Don't put grass clippings, leaves and other yard waste on the streets – not only do they add harmful chemicals and nutrients to the rivers and clog storm drains, it's against a City bylaw!

Chemicals don't belong in the garbage or the sewer – they need special handling!

Don't dump chemicals down the drain! Our wastewater treatment plants may not be able to remove them and they can end up in the river, harming fish and other aquatic life. Dumping chemicals down the drain may also damage the sewer in your home and the City system.

Leftover or Expired Prescription Drugs/Over-the-Counter Medicines

Take them to a pharmacy where they will be disposed of safely.

Household Hazardous Waste Products

Please dispose of household hazardous waste products safely by taking them to a free hazardous waste collection centre. Call 784-9000, code 9811, for the collection centre location and hours of operation. These danger symbols can help you identify many hazardous waste products – corrosive, explosive, flammable, poison.



CORROSIVE



EXPLOSIVE



FLAMMABLE



POISON

Common hazardous wastes include:

- ▶ paint brush cleaners/solvents
- ▶ chemical lawn fertilizers
- ▶ gasoline
- ▶ leftover paint
- ▶ antifreeze (radiator/windshield)
- ▶ household cleaners
- ▶ weed, insect killer
- ▶ swimming pool chemicals
- ▶ used oil products (you can recycle your used oil by taking it to a depot for free disposal. For depot locations and hours of operation, call 632-5255 or 1-888-410-1440, or visit www.usedoilrecycling.com)