

## Medications Pollute Our Water!!!

Are you dumping medications  
down the drain?

Disposing of medications in  
your sink or toilet does not get  
rid of them, they contaminate  
our water.

To safely dispose of expired or  
unwanted medications for  
humans and pets please drop  
them off at a designated  
disposal site or put them in  
your trash.



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**BABCOCK RANCH  
WATER UTILITIES**

## When in Doubt, Throw it Out!

Each home's sewage flows through an individual line that connects to a larger sewage disposal line under the street. It is the homeowner's responsibility to keep their individual sewer lines clear. Many consumer products, small items or even those labeled "disposable" or "flushable" can wreak havoc on both your home plumbing system and public sewer systems. Most of these products do not break down and can block the sewer lines. Flushing these products may also result in expensive repairs to your plumbing or even the public sewer. These products also do not travel readily through the sewer pump stations that move the sewage to treatment plants. Even if the products do arrive at the treatment plant, they must be filtered out and removed so they do not damage costly equipment.

**In Short, if it's not toilet paper- It should NOT be flushed down the drain!**

What	Where should it go?
Adhesive Bandages	Place in garbage
Baby/Facial Wipes	Place in garbage
Cat Litter	Place in garbage
Cigarette butts	Extinguish and place in garbage
Cloth items/clothes	Take CLEAN used clothing to a donation center or place in garbage
Cotton balls & swabs	Place in garbage
Dental floss	Place in garbage
Diapers	Place in garbage
Feminine Hygiene Products	Place in garbage
Flammable Chemicals	Call Ecologic Waste Management
Grease, Oil or Fat- Residential	Place in sealed container in garbage
Grease, Oil or Fat- Commercial	Dispose of through Grease/Oil Recycling Company
Hypodermic needles/lancets/syringes	<a href="http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/medications/pages/disposal.html">www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/medications/pages/disposal.html</a>
Medications	Local approved designated medicine disposal sites or place in garbage <a href="https://www.epa.gov/hwgenerators/collecting-and-disposing-unwanted-medicines">https://www.epa.gov/hwgenerators/collecting-and-disposing-unwanted-medicines</a>
Moist Towelettes	Place in garbage
Paint or other household chemicals	Call Ecologic Waste Management
Paper (other than toilet paper)	If soiled, place in garbage. If clean, recycle
Paper towels	Place in garbage
Pet waste bags	Place in garbage
Plastic bags	Recycle at most grocery stores
Plastics of any kind	Plastics labeled 1-5 & 7 should be recycled, others including Styrofoam
Swiffer type refills	Place in garbage