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[www.ctrwd.org/pretreatment](http://www.ctrwd.org/pretreatment)

OR

Contact our Pretreatment Specialist

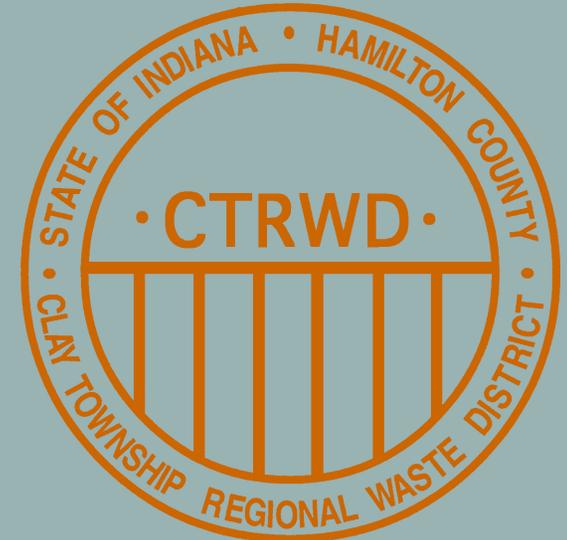
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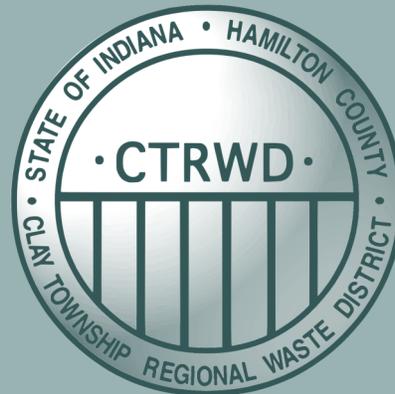
Plant tour, contact Scot Watkins at

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## Some Things Don't Belong in the Toilet

- Aquarium Gravel and Kitty Litter
- Baby Wipes and Diapers
- Cigarette Butts
- Cleaning Sponges
- Clothing Labels
- Cotton Swabs
- Dental Floss
- Disposable Toilet Brushes
- Facial Tissue
- Feminine Products
- Flushable Wipes
- Food or Grease
- Hair
- Household Cleaners
- Latex Gloves
- Plastic Items of any type
- Prescription Drugs
- Prophylactics
- Rags and Towels
- Syringes
- Toys
- Underwear



Sewer bills may now be paid using a credit card. Those payments may be made at the District office or on our website. The link can be found on the homepage under Key Services.

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# Flushable Does Not Mean Disposable

# It's Your Responsibility

Just because the package says "flushable" doesn't mean it's true. Many items marketed as "disposable" and/or "flushable" do not degrade like toilet paper. They end up clogging pipes, tangling pumps and causing sewer backups into streets, businesses and homes. Paper towels, "disposable" wipes, cleaning wipes and other moist towelettes that are described as "flushable" do not dissolve, but instead accumulate in our sewers. These wipes are made of a thick material the consistency of cloth and unlike toilet paper, will not break down after flushing. These products are able to be called "flushable" because they will pass through the S-bend of your toilet.



Homeowners are responsible for maintaining sewer laterals which connect their house to the District's main sewer lines. **This means if your home's lateral becomes plugged, you pay for it!** You will be literally flushing money down the drain to correct a problem that could have been prevented by properly disposing of the waste in the first place.



environment. What does make it through must be captured, pulled out of the system, and trucked to a landfill. That's a very expensive, labor-intensive way to dispose of something. Please flush wisely to protect pipes and the environment.



Although they will flush, this causes issues in the sewer pipes and pump stations. When these items cause blockages, the District is responsible for cleaning the main sewer lines. We frequently clear blockages caused by rags and wipes. Even if the product's label



## Think Trash, Not Toilet

When the wrong things go down the toilet, it not only creates costly back-ups of your household plumbing, it can create problems at the wastewater treatment plant and with the environment. Items such as baby wipes, rags, towels, latex gloves, sanitary napkins, dental floss and prophylactics that are flushed down the toilet, enter the sanitary sewer system and can create problems that are costly and time-consuming to correct. That's why it is so important to only flush your "personal contributions" to the wastewater treatment plant. Wastewater treatment facilities are sophisticated systems designed primarily to treat organic wastes, such as human waste and household wastewater, with sensitive natural processes doing the work of breaking down the waste safely. Untreatable products can interfere with these natural processes along with harming pipes, pumps and the

## Prescription Drug Disposal

Another issue plaguing our national waterways is the detection of medications and other pharmaceutical drugs in our aquatic life. Although medications play an important role in treating certain conditions and diseases, they must be taken with care and disposed of properly when no longer being used. Unused portions of these medicines must be disposed of properly to avoid harm to wildlife, pets, people and our environment. Although a drug collection event is the best option for disposing of unused medicines, these may not always be available to people when they need to discard. If these are not available, the most important thing to remember is to not flush prescription drugs down the toilet or drain. The prescriptions should be taken out of their original container, mixed with a substance such as kitty litter or coffee grounds and concealed in a sealed container that is discarded in the trash. If you follow these simple steps for disposing of your prescription drugs, you will be doing your part to prevent the contamination of our environment.

states that it is "flushable", it is safer and more environmentally correct to place these items in the trash instead of the toilet. Just because it states it is safe to flush doesn't mean it will not harm the sewer system.

Did you know that facial tissues should never be flushed? Tissues are designed to not fall apart in your hands when you're blowing your nose. They don't fall apart in the sewer very easily either.