



**CITY OF SPOKANE
DEPARTMENT OF WASTEWATER
INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM**



**BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES
FOR MEDICAL, NURSING HOME AND VETERINARY CARE PROVIDER WASTE**

The City of Spokane sewer collection system and Riverside Park Water Reclamation Facility are designed to carry and treat very specific things. The drains that connect your facility to the main sewer are meant to carry only water, toilet paper and human waste.

Using your toilet for disposal of many products will often result in blockages or interference at the wastewater treatment plant.

Please DO NOT FLUSH:

- Vitamins, medicines or other pharmaceuticals
- Non-Infectious medical waste, such as IV bags or tubing
- Infectious medical waste, such as sharps or blood-saturated waste materials
- Bandaging materials
- Examination gloves
- Diapers (cloth, disposable or “flushable”)
- Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes
- Facial tissues, napkins or paper towels
- Wash cloths, towels or rags
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms or any non-organic materials
- Plastic of any kind, including X-ray or other diagnostic film media
- Film processing fluids or any other hazardous chemicals
- Dental floss
- Hair

“No User shall introduce or cause to be introduced...Solid or viscous substances in amounts which will cause obstruction of flow in the POTW. In general, the cutting up or reducing to smaller pieces of any solid materials as a means to enable their introduction into the POTW is prohibited. In addition, in no case shall solids greater than ¼ inch (0.64 centimeters) in any dimension be discharged.” [Spokane Municipal Code 13.03A.0201B]

“Anyone determined to have caused or contributed to an overflow or blockage event is responsible for all damage, loss or liability created thereby, including environmental damage in addition to other applicable penalties.” [Spokane Municipal Code 13.03A.0213B]

Non-infectious waste does not need to be disinfected and can be discarded with solid waste. Infectious medical waste should be sterilized and disposed of properly. It is recommended that staff who come into contact with both infectious and non-infectious medical waste receive adequate training to successfully identify both.

If you have further questions about these BMPs, please call (509) 625-4639.