

# Other Prohibited Items

These items are prohibited and must not be put into your wastewater:

- storm water, including roof and rainwater tank overflow, and surface drainage waters
- waters including backwash from a swimming pool or spa
- sanitary napkins, liners, clothing and plastic material
- trade waste, including wastewater contaminated with substances such as grease, oils, solids and chemicals
- petrol or other flammable or explosive substances, whether solid, liquid or gas
- medical waste and sharps
- any other matter or substance which would impair the effective working of the CWMS.

# Remember

All wipes, including those marketed as flushable are prohibited from being discharged into your septic tank as they do not break down as specified.

Remind any family and friends not to flush wipes down the toilet.



# More Information

Contact Council's Environmental Health Officer on 1300 785 277 or email [council@coorong.sa.gov.au](mailto:council@coorong.sa.gov.au)





If you own or live in a property that has a septic tank, or is on full sewer, then you need to be aware that 'flushable' wipes cannot be flushed! This includes all forms of wipes, toilet wipes, wet wipes, baby wipes, including those that are marketed as being flushable.

### **Did you know..?**

- Wipes do not break down in your septic tank and can lead to numerous problems and out of pocket expenses.
- Flushed wipes can block pipes, which can lead to sewerage overflows in and around your home and can be costly.

- If your septic tank contains wipes, you may find it cannot be pumped out by normal methods.
- If you are on Council's system, Council's contractor may refuse to empty your septic tank if it is contaminated with wipes or any other prohibited items. You may be required to engage a contractor, at your own expense.

If connected to CWMS, flushing wipes may cause solids to overflow into the CWMS infrastructure, causing blockages downstream.

Your annual CWMS charge could increase as a result of these blockages through increased operational and maintenance costs.

**The only thing you can flush is toilet paper.  
It is the only paper designed to break down as it travels through  
the wastewater treatment process.**

**In other words, the only things safe to flush are the '3 Ps':  
Poo, Pee and Paper (toilet paper, that is).**