
Keeping Our Drains Clear: A Note on Plumbing Health for Co-Owners

Dear Co-Owners,

As a community that values our co-owners, we want to ensure all aspects of your home, including our shared infrastructure, remain reliable and hassle-free. A common issue that can cause significant damage and disruption across multiple units is the flushing of non-flushable items.

To protect our collective plumbing system and avoid costly, inconvenient backups, we are sharing important reminders and steps we can all take.

The Problem: What NOT to Flush

Clogs often occur when personal care items are flushed. Please remember that **only human waste and standard toilet paper** are safe for our plumbing. Items to be placed in the trash include:

- **Adult Incontinence Products:** Pads, briefs, and liners.
- **Diapers**
- **"Flushable" Wipes:** Despite their name, these wipes do not degrade quickly and are a leading cause of clogs.
- **Feminine Hygiene Products:** Tampons and sanitary pads.
- **Paper Towels and Tissues:** These are designed to hold up when wet and will not break down like toilet paper.

Best Practices for Preventing Clogs

We encourage all residents to follow these simple rules in every bathroom:

1. **Use a Dedicated Trash Bin:** Ensure every bathroom has a **large, visible trash can** located immediately next to the toilet. This makes proper disposal the easiest choice.
2. **Educate Caregivers & Babysitters:** If you receive in-home care, please communicate these strict flushing rules to all your babysitters, caregivers and visiting family members.
3. **Post a Reminder:** Consider placing a small, laminated card or sticker near the toilet that simply says: **"TRASH the Wipes & Pads. ONLY Toilet Paper in the Toilet."**

By working together and practicing good disposal habits, we can keep our community running smoothly and ensure everyone enjoys a worry-free living environment. If you have questions about what is safe to flush, please contact the Management Office.