Only flush the 3 Ps

Just because something can be flushed

doesn't mean it should be.

Did you know?

Before toilet paper was mass produced in 1857, a tool was used with a sea sponge attached which was cleaned in water between each use.

Did you know?

The first flushing toilet was invented in **1596 in England** and the design was refined in 1870.

Toilet facts

- On average, a person spends three years sitting on a toilet.
- A person can use a toilet around 2,500 times per year.
- Approximately 100 rolls of toilet paper are used by one person each year.
- A lifetime supply of toilet paper for one man equates to approximately **384 trees**.
- The average toilet paper roll lasts approximately
 5 days in an average household.

Did you know?

Half of the world's population does not have access to safe flushing toilets.

Flush paper, poo and pee

Only flush the 3 Ps (paper, poo and pee) when using a toilet. This helps raw sewage effectively travel underground to wastewater treatment facilities. Foreign objects (such as wipes, sanitary products and diapers) become stuck in the sewer pipes, causing blockages in toilets and damage to underground pipes and pumps.

Impact of flushing other items

- The toilets may be slow to empty or could fill up and overflow with possible gurgling noises coming from the sewer pipes.
- Costs can include a plumber to clear, repair or replace damaged pipes.
- By not keeping up with maintenance, raw sewage can seep underground into our waterways, affecting our environment.
- Exposure to raw sewage, can cause bacterial infections and other severe illness.

Did you know?

The dual flushing toilet was invented in Australia in 1980. The modern version currently uses 3 litres for the half flush and 4.5 litres for the full flush.

What is the solution?

Always be mindful of when using a toilet and remember to **only flush the 3 Ps**.

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