

TEN ways you can protect your sewer system

Follow these tips to protect your plumbing, save money, and keep our creeks and river clean. You'll be a hero of the people!

1 Call us first!

If you've got a sewer backup, our crew will check it for FREE. This can save you a plumber's visit if the problem is in our lines. Day, night or weekends, just call 258-6000, and a crew member will contact you within 30 minutes.



2 No FOG down the drain.

FOG (fats, oils, grease) can cause clogged sewer lines, even if you wash them down with hot water and soap. Instead, scrap fat and grease into the trash can. Used vegetable oil can be recycled at the Hazardous Waste Collection Facility. See www.NapaRecycling.com for details.



3 The problem with "flushable" products...

...is that they're not really flushable. Many products are labeled flushable, including cleaning wipes. Even though it's possible to dispose of these products in the toilet, they can clog your pipes and sewage pump stations, damaging equipment and causing overflows.

4 Plethora of pills?

Unneeded or expired medications can accumulate and create a hazard for children. But DON'T flush them away. Take them to Family Drug in Napa, Vasconi's Pharmacy in St. Helena, or to the Hazardous Waste Collection Facility. You'll protect your family and improve water quality! For details, check www.NapaSan.com.



5 How to make your pool, spa or fountain "green".

Controlling algae in your pool, spa or fountain with a copper algicide threatens aquatic life in our local waterways. Instead, control algae with proper chlorine levels and regular cleaning, and don't drain your pool, spa or fountain to a street, gutter or storm drain. Call the Napa Sanitation District at 258-6000 to get a permit to drain your water feature to the sanitary sewer.

Disconnect your downspout.

If the downspouts from your roof are connected to the sanitary sewer, that extra rainwater during storms can overwhelm the sewage system, resulting in sewage overflows. This creates a health hazard for humans and wildlife alike. Plus connecting your downspouts to the sewer is illegal!



Where's the mercury?

Mercury is a highly toxic metal, and it's part of many everyday household products. To prevent it getting into your drains, switch to a digital thermometer rather than the old glass and mercury type. Fluorescent light bulbs also contain mercury. Both thermometers and used fluorescent bulbs can be disposed of at the Hazardous Waste Collection Facility.



Healthy home & garden.

You can maintain your home and garden and still protect the health of your family, pets and the environment. Adopt less toxic, common sense techniques for managing pests, and when necessary, dispose of toxic products at the Hazardous Waste Collection Facility. For more information and resources, visit Our Water, Our World at www.ourwaterourworld.org.

Send less \$\$ down the drain.

Conserving water saves you money, and also reduces the load at the wastewater treatment plant. Napa Sanitation District and the City of Napa offer rebates when you purchase an efficient toilet or washing machine. See www.napasan.com or www.cityofnapa.com/water for details.



Rethink what you flush.

Flush ONLY toilet paper in the toilet! Dispose of other "flushable" items in your regular trash. This includes baby wipes, hair, bandages, make-up pads, kitty litter, sanitary products, etc. Remember, the toilet is NOT a trash can!

Re- SOURCES

Napa Sanitation District.....(707) 258-6000
www.NapaSan.com

Hazardous Waste Collection/Recycling.....(800) 984-9661
www.NapaRecycling.com (707) 255-5200

Water conservation.....(707) 257-9497
www.cityofnapa.org/water