

Safe Disposal of Waste

Bathroom

Disposable nappies, liners, wipes

Flush solids down the toilet – but never flush the nappy. Wrap it well and put in with the household rubbish. Buy nappy disposal bags from supermarkets or pharmacies, or use reusable nappies.

Razor blades

Never flush blades down the toilet. Put used blades in a plastic jar and put in with the household rubbish when full.

Sanitary towels, tampons, panty liners

Wrap well and put in with the household rubbish. Buy disposal bags from supermarkets and pharmacies. In public toilets, put in the sanitary disposal bin provided.

Condoms, incontinence pants, and used plasters, bandages

Wrap well and put in with the household rubbish.

Packaging, toilet roll tubes, contact lenses, cotton buds, backing strips

Put them in with the household rubbish. Keep a lidded bin in the bathroom for used products.

Medicines

Flushing them down your toilet kills the useful bugs that clean the sewage. Putting them in with the household rubbish contaminates the landfill.

Return all out of date or left over medicines to your local pharmacy for safe disposal. Always keep medicines out of reach of children.

Used syringes and needles

Drug users should make use of the Needle Exchange Programme. See www.needle.co.nz or your local pharmacy to find out which pharmacies are taking part in the scheme.

Kitchen

Cooking fat and oil

Pour warm – not hot – fat and oil into a Fat Trap™ container, and when full put the contents in the household rubbish.

Let fat go cold, scrape it out, wrap in newspaper or aluminium foil, and put in with the household rubbish.

Food scraps

Compost non-meat scraps. If you can't compost them, put them in with the household rubbish. Don't use a waste disposal unit.

Outside

All solids

Wrap well if necessary, and put them in with the household rubbish.

All liquids

Oil, paint and chemicals kill the useful bugs that clean the sewage. Let small amounts of left-over paint dry and put the tin in with the household rubbish. Give larger amounts to friends or schools. Let thinner settle and re-use it. Wash-water from painting can go down your laundry sink or gully trap.

Engine oil and radiator fluids must go to the hazardous wastes area of the landfill.

When in doubt, ask your Local Authority for advice.

For more information, see www.fatrap.co.nz.

Bag it for Landfill !!

Are you putting things down the sink and toilet that shouldn't go down there?

If you are, does it matter?

Where should they go instead?

Read on and find out.



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