Tips for Medication Disposal

The concern with medication disposal to the sewer has been heightened in recent years. Improper disposal can cause harm to aquatic life and drinking water supplies and lead to accidental poisoning and intentional misuse of medications.

Expired and unused medications should be returned to the pharmacy or taken to an approved drug take-back drop-off site.

When the above options are not available, use the following steps for disposing of expired and unused over-the-counter and prescription medications:

- Conceal or remove personal information, including Rx number, using black ink pen or permanent marker, duct tape, or by scratching it off.
- Place tablets and capsules in a disposable container such as a plastic milk container. Add some water or soda to dissolve them.
- Mix liquid medication with coffee grinds, cat litter, dirt, or other undesirable substance.
- Put the combined mixture in a second container or plastic bag and secure with duct tape or packing tape.
- Place the sealed container and any empty drug containers in the trash.

Dispose of other hazardous waste!

Common household products become “Hazardous Waste” when poured down a drain or flushed down a toilet because they harm our environment and wreak havoc on the city sewer system. Never dump paint, paint thinner, cleaning chemicals, pesticides, fertilizer, root killer or any product that has a CAUTION, WARNING, DANGER or POISON label.

For information on recycling common household products, waste oil, and hazardous waste (including medications) visit the Solid Waste web page: www.cityofloveland.org/HouseholdHazardousWaste

Or Larimer County Household Hazardous Waste Facility
5887 S. Taft Hill Road
970-498-5771
24 hour info line: 970-498-5770
www.larimer.org/solidwaste/haz.htm
An overflowing toilet can ruin your home in an instant! Just a small amount of household waste flushed down the toilet (or dumped down the drain or garbage disposal) can clog pipes and cause nasty messes in your home, and expensive sewer backups in our City.

**AVOID CLOGS BY KEEPING THIS STUFF OUT OF YOUR TOILET!**

**Did you know?**

“Flushable Wipes” are the biggest problem for sewer backups in our community. That’s right, even if the package says “flushable,” they should NEVER be flushed. They belong in the trash.

**Flush ONLY toilet paper. Put trash in the trash can.**