



# TOWN OF OSSINING

*The Volunteer Spirited Town*

**85 Old Route 100  
Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510**

**Michael G. O'Connor  
Superintendent of  
Highways**

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Dear Residents:

We are sending this list of Do's and Don'ts for what should go down our Sanitary Sewer Lines.

Our Sanitary Sewer Lift Pumping Stations are seeing much foreign material clogging the pumps and check valves which have to be cleaned-out often.

Sewerage from many parts of Town cannot make it by gravity alone to the main Sanitary Sewer Lines; our Sewer Lift Pumping Stations have to pump the sewerage up and over a hill.

We believe that our pumps and check valves are being clogged with baby wipes, diapers, and other associated product that should not be flushed down a toilet.

We are asking every resident within the Town, to please read and follow the list of Do's and Don'ts.

We understand that many manufacturers of these products on our Do Not Flush List claim that their products are (Flushable); we know from experience that they are not.

Our Highway Department personnel cannot continue to come out in all hours of the day, night, and weekends to take apart the pumps and check valves to resolve this ongoing situation.

It is clear to us that within the last few years this problem has become more frequent to the point that blockages are occurring more often. Your cooperation is necessary if we are to maintain a safe operating Sanitary Sewer System.

Please share this list with every member of your household, and explain to them how important this list is and that it should be followed. I am available to answer any questions you may have on this or any issue of service by your Town Highway Department.

Very Truly Yours,

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## **List of Do's and Don'ts for what goes down your Drain and Toilet**

### **Do's (OK to flush or drain)**

Water (Bath or Shower, Sink, Dish washer or Clothes washer)

Water Cooking (Water from boiling Pasta or Vegetable, etc)

Human Waste

Toilet Paper

### **Don'ts (Please do not flush or drain)**

Non-Human Waste (Waste from a dog or cat, etc.)

Kitty Litter

Paper Towels (Paper Napkins, etc.)

Cardboard Roll from Toilet Paper (All Cardboard and Paper)

Dental Floss (Contact Lens, Hair Cuttings)

Rags (Towels, Clothes, etc)

Baby Wipes (All kinds)

Diapers (All kinds)

Personal Hygiene Items (Medications)

Grease (Food Fats, Cooking Grease, Cooking Oils, etc)

Food (Skin of Fat trimmings, Raw or Cooked) (Soups or Stew) (All food items)

Household Chemicals

Paints or Solvents (Anti-Freeze from a Car or Truck)

Waste Engine Oil (Gasoline, etc)