## Help Protect Our Sewer System!

FLUSH only the three 'P's' down the toilet - **Pee**, **Poop** & toilet **Paper**. Throw trash into a waste bin or recycle it, don't put it down the drain. Keep fats, oils and grease (FOG) out of your kitchen sink. When poured down the drain, FOG can build up in pipes and equipment and cause significant problems in the sewer system and wastewater treatment plant. Hazardous chemicals (i.e., garden pesticides, automotive fluids) should be disposed of at the Hidden Hollow Landfill or a mobile collection site.

## What's NOT Flushable?

The following items don't break down like toilet paper and clog household pipes, sewer lift station pumps, and cause sewer backups onto streets, businesses, and homes.

- Nair
- Noilet Bowl Scrub Pads
- Oliapers (Cloth, disposable, "flushable")
- Cleaning Wipes of
  ANY Kind
  (Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes,
  moist wipes,etc.)
- Flushable Wipes
  Though advertised as "safe for septic systems/sewer," flushable wipes cause many problems for wastewater treatment systems.

- O Dental Floss
- Kitty Litter
- Napkins, Paper Towels (Paper or cloth)
- Sanitary Napkins, Tampons, Condoms Any non-organic material
- Wash Cloths, Towels, Rags
  Any cloth item
- Facial Tissues, Cotton Balls, Swabs and Pads



Clogged pipes and pumps require significant and costly repairs. If they can't be repaired, they must be replaced. The solution to this expensive problem is to follow these guidelines for a healthy sewer system!

## **Safety**

- Reclaimed water is not intended for consumption.
- Do not swim in the storage ponds
- Reclaimed water is the recycled wastewater from the Hidden Springs Sewer.
   Waste water is treated to remove solids and impurities, disinfected and then discharged to irrigate the common areas.
- Do not climb the fences around the sewer ponds or allow your pets inside fenced areas around the facility.
- Do not let your children or pets run through the sprinklers while they are activated.

To help minimize the contact between effluent water and the residents of Hidden Springs the HSTA attempts to irrigate as much as possible between the hours of 8:00pm and 6:00am. However some areas like the farm lands and the orchard may be irrigated during the daytime hours in which case the residents are asked to avoid contact with the effluent water during the application times.

