FLUSH WITH CARE
The toilet is an important fixture that has been skillfully designed for only one activity. Although people know what that activity is, many people misuse their toilet and don’t flush with care. The toilet is not a trashcan. Flushing with care means to only flush the 3Ps—pee, poop, and (toilet) paper. Everything else should be deposited in the trashcan, recycled, or composted.

DO NOT FLUSH UNWANTED MEDICATION!
Take medicine to a safe drug collection box at the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) or another designated facility. Visit mwrd.org for a complete list of our collection boxes, along with others located throughout Cook County.

WHAT NOT TO FLUSH
- Contact Lenses
- Dental Floss
- Diapers (this includes related products such as inserts, liners, etc.)
- Hair
- Cat Litter
- Fish
- Wipes (any kind...yes, including those labeled “flushable” or “biodegradable”)
- Paper Towels
- Facial Tissue
- Personal Hygiene Products
- Cosmetics
- Medication & Vitamins
- Medical Supplies
- Cotton Swabs
- Cleaning Products
- Food
- Fats, Oils & Grease
- Household Hazardous Waste (paint, oil, chemicals, fuel, etc.)
- Toothbrushes
- Plastic Items

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU DON’T FLUSH WITH CARE
Flushing items that don’t belong in the toilet can harm the local sewer system, water reclamation plants (WRPs), and the water environment. Flushing with care can prevent costly damage from sewer overflows and backups.

ONLY FLUSH THE 3Ps
PEE, POOP, & (TOILET) PAPER

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FLUSH WITH CARE WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the words below and write the answers on the lines.

LHUSF __ __ __ __  EPE __ __
ASTEW __ __ __ __  ERGEAS __ __ __ __
SHIF __ __ __ __  MOOBRTHA __ __ __ __ __ __
SATRH __ __ __ __  TERWA __ __ __ __
TETIOL __ __ __ __ __  KCASPUBA __ __ __ __ __ __
REELS __ __ __ __  OFOD __ __ ___
EDEMICIN __ __ __ __ __  LYTCSO __ __ __ __
PESWI __ __ __ __  TNEMVEOIRNN __ __ __ __ __ __

Use the letters highlighted in blue to answer the question below. You will also need to unscramble the answer.

WHY DID THE SUPERHEROES FLUSH THE TOILET?

It was their __ __ __ __ __.

TIPS TO FLUSH WITH CARE

Keep a waste basket in your bathroom.

Talk to your family, friends, and neighbors about using the toilet only for the 3Ps.

Remember, just because an item is small or will flush, that doesn’t mean it should be flushed. Instead of flushing an inappropriate item down the toilet, determine if the item should be recycled, composted, or thrown away.