

Howdy, I'm Wilbur the Water Warrior.

EVERY DROP COUNTS! rethink YOUR

Always remember the 3 p's rule. The only things that can go into our sewer system are pee, poo and toilet paper.



Poo

Paper

(Toilet paper)

GENERAL WASTE

Tissues, hand towels, wrappers, sanitary items, condoms, cotton buds, cigarette butts, dust cloths and fibre reinforced cleaning products.

SUGGESTION

Discard in the red general waste bin or bring to the waste facility

FAT or OIL

Fat from cooking or any other type of fat, oil, or grease

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SUGGESTION

Keep a "fat jar" under the sink to collect the fat and discard in the red general waste bin or take to waste facility

DETERGENTS

Detergents high in phosphate.

SUGGESTION

Use the minimum amount of detergent and/or bleach when you are washing clothes or dishes. Choose a detergent low in phosphates.



DO NOT LET THESE GO DOWN THE SINK OR TOILET



FOOD SCRAPS

Vegetables, meats, fruits etc.

SUGGESTION

Avoid using a garbage disposal. Keep solid wastes solid. Start a compost bin or worm farm for vegetable scraps. Or put into red bin or bring to the waste facility.

CHEMICALS

Household chemicals, oils, paints or cleaning agents.

SUGGESTION

Many household products can be brought to our Community Recycling Centres at our waste facilities for free.

MEDICINES

Pills, liquid or powder medications or drugs

SUGGESTION

You can return your out-of-date and unwanted medicines to any pharmacy in Australia for free and safe disposal.

ON-SITE SEWER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

If you live in a house that is not connected to the main sewer, then chances are you have an on-site sewage management (OSSM) system. If this is the case then you have a special responsibility to ensure that your OSSM system is working well. Poorly maintained OSSM systems have the potential to significantly affect you and your family's health, as well as the local environment

In addition to the above tips, you will also need to be careful that the cleaning products you use don't harm bacteria in your OSSM system. Avoid harsh chemicals such as bleach. The label on the packaging should give an

indication if it is septic friendly.

Try and avoid "flooding" your OSSM system by having shorter showers, washing your clothes throughout the week and not all on one day, and avoiding putting your dishwasher on during your peak water load times.

You also need to have an Approval to Operate for your OSSM system. Council may also inspect your OSSM system periodically.

Visit our website for more information on how to keep your OSSM system operating satisfactorily or contact Council's Environmental Health Officers.

Please contact Muswellbrook Shire Council for further information

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