



flushable? think again ...

Just because the package says "flushable" doesn't mean it's true. Many items marketed as disposable and/or flushable do not degrade like toilet paper, and they wind up clogging pipes, tangling pumps and causing messy sewer backups into streets, businesses and homes.

Examples of what NOT to flush:

- Wipes of any kind (even those advertised as "flushable")
- Diapers (cloth, disposable, "flushable")
- Paper towels
- Feminine hygiene products
- Facial tissues

What should you do? Place them in the garbage. And instead of using disposable wipes for cleaning, use old T-shirts or other cloth rags that can be washed and reused over and over.

Your toilet is not a trash can.

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Show your **LAWN** a little **LOVE**

After a long, hot summer, give your less-than-lush lawn some TLC with a dose of TAGRO Mix soil amendment. Follow these steps:

1. For dense, well-rooted lawns, **thatch or plug first**.
2. **Mow your lawn short**.
3. **Spread a layer of TAGRO Mix about ¼ inch thick*** and rake as evenly as possible.
4. **Overseed your lawn**. Spread seed into your existing lawn at about half the rate needed for a new lawn.
5. **Water deeply**. If you re-seed, make sure to keep the surface damp for at least two weeks.

*A little goes a long way. Keep your top-dressing shallow unless you're completely reseeded your lawn.

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Wondering what to do with that **pile of leaves**?

Clogged stormwater drains can cause streets and homes to flood. Help keep the surface water system working; clear debris from storm drains and dispose of leaves and yard waste properly and promptly.

- Use leaves as **compost** in your garden.
- Place leaves in your brown **yard waste container** for pickup.
- Take leaves and yard waste to the **Tacoma Landfill** (no additional fee for City of Tacoma residential customers). *Keep those loads covered!*

For more information: www.cityoftacoma.org/leaves

