

# Help Keep Your Drains Clear

“Disposable” items, such as those listed below, can easily clog pipes causing wastewater to back up into your home, costing you thousands of dollars in repair and cleanup.

Just because you can flush it, doesn't mean you should. Throw disposable items in the trash instead of flushing or pouring them down the drain.

These common household items **SHOULD NEVER** be flushed:

- ◆ Wipes or pre-moistened cloths (even those labeled flushable)
- ◆ Oil and grease
- ◆ Pills or liquid medications
- ◆ Cigarette butts
- ◆ Disposable contact lenses
- ◆ Paper towel or facial tissue
- ◆ Bandages
- ◆ Fruit stickers
- ◆ Feminine hygiene products
- ◆ Baby and adult disposable or cloth diapers



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# WHERE DOES OUR WATER GO?

Between the storm drain system and the sanitary sewer system, many big drainage pipes exist beneath our streets to help protect the water in Lake Mead!

**COLLECTS WASTEWATER**  
(dirty water) from **INSIDE** homes and buildings

Wastewater travels in underground pipes to a wastewater treatment plant where it is **TREATED & CLEANED**

**COLLECTS WATER OUTSIDE**  
from roads, driveways, lawns, sidewalks and parking lots

**THIS RUNOFF IS NOT TREATED**  
and can carry pollution (such as trash, oil, pet waste, fertilizer, pesticides, and other chemicals) to Lake Mead - our main source of drinking water!

**UNTREATED WATER ENTERS THE LAS VEGAS WASH**  
where native plants absorb some pollutants from the water

**STORMWATER POLLUTION ENTERS LAKE MEAD**  
and can harm fish, birds, and other wildlife

**WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

**TREATED WATER IS RELEASED INTO THE LAS VEGAS WASH**  
before it enters Lake Mead

**THE CLEANED WATER**  
flows into Lake Mead

[StormWaterVegas.com](http://StormWaterVegas.com)  
[LVStormwater.com](http://LVStormwater.com)

[PainInTheDrain.com](http://PainInTheDrain.com)