

Stop the Clog

& Keep Drains Flowing

How Can I Help?

It's simple: stick to flushing only the **3 Ps—pee, poo, and toilet paper.**

Non-flushable items like **wipes, paper towels, hair, and cotton buds** combine to create stubborn clogs.

Household **fats, oils, and chemicals** worsen the issue, coating pipes and inviting further debris buildup, leading to backups that spill into homes, yards, and waterways.

Let's Do Our Part

Bin it, don't flush it. Keep our waterways clean, our plumbing safe, and our community free from sewer mishaps.

By being mindful of what we send down the drain, we're protecting valuable water resources and **reducing costly cleanups.**

THAT'S NOT POO!

Educate your household on safe flushing, and if you spot issues, report them to Kempsey Shire Council.

Council has produced a **fun kids book** to educate your children on **what to flush and what to throw in the bin.**

It's called **That's Not Poo!** And it's **FREE!** You'll soon be able to pick one up at Council or any of the community libraries in the Shire.

For more information visit:

ksc.pub/thatsnotpoo

Together, we can keep our sewers flowing and our environment healthy.

Your Toilet is not a Bin



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Colour Me In

Competition

& WIN!

That's Not Poo! is a fun kids book to help educate our children on what to flush down the toilet and what to throw in the bin.

This is **Plum** the kangaroo, the main character in our **That's Not Poo!** book, and her mum teaching her what to flush.

THAT'S NOT POO!

Here's a **That's Not Poo!** Colouring in for the kids (and kids at heart) – it's all about having fun and showing off your creativity!
1st Prize \$50 voucher, 2nd Prize \$30 voucher and 3rd Prize \$20 voucher.

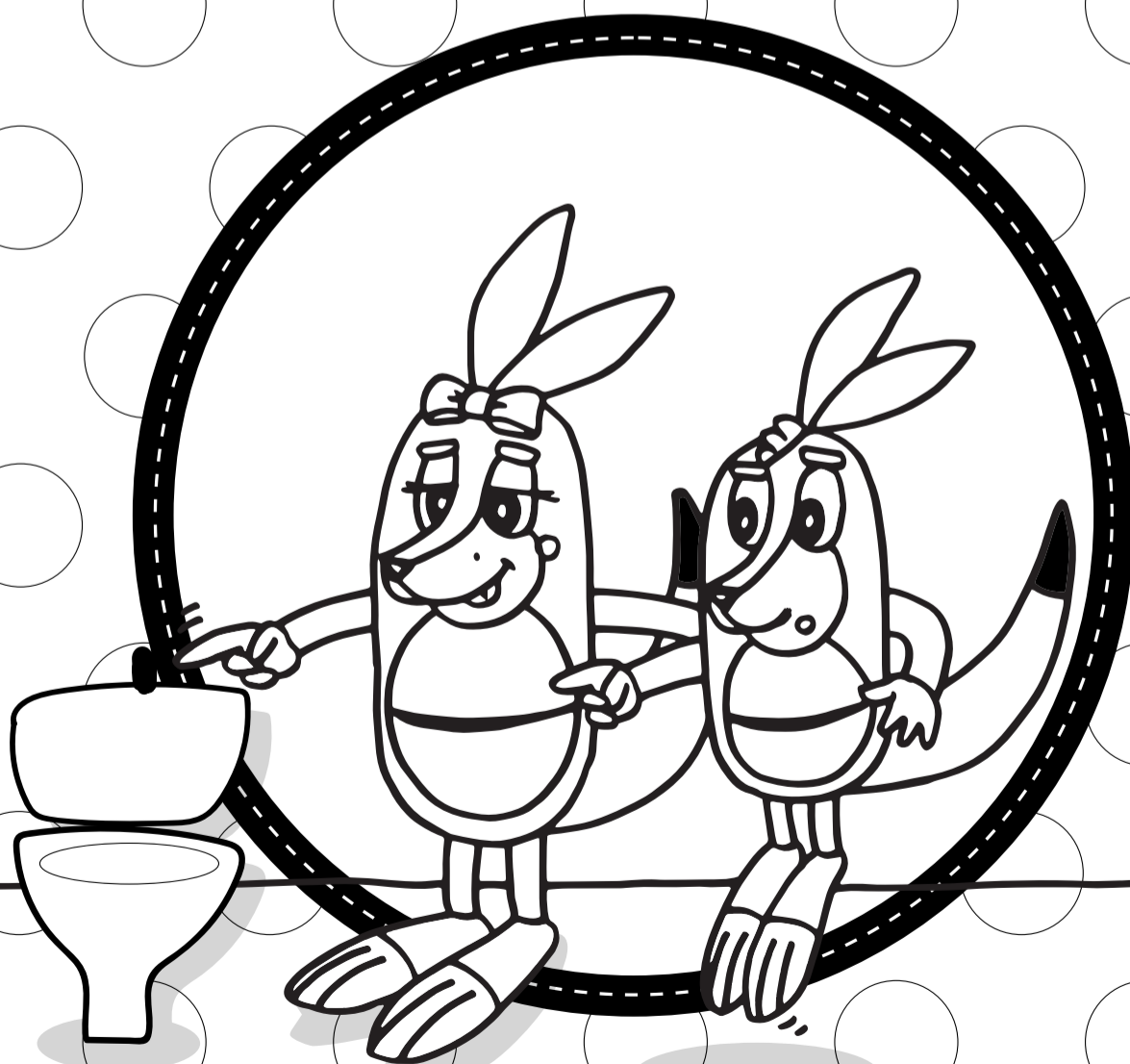
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Introduction

Imagine a fountain on your street—not the kind you’d wish for, but a smelly one caused by a **sewer blockage**.

When **foreign items** clog our pipes, this unsightly and disruptive risk looms.

Recently, our team tackled a severe blockage, pulling out a **fence post, barbed wire, and a tangled mess of non-flushable wipes**, all jammed in a single 300mm pipe.

Clearing it was costly, time-consuming, and disrupted local homes.

Here are a **list of items** that you shouldn’t flush down the toilet.

Only flush the 3Ps – poo, pee, and (toilet) paper.

Wet Wipes

Wet wipes may have ‘flushable’ on the packaging, but these disposable cloths create a world of pain in sewer and septic systems, causing expensive – and disgusting – blockages.



Bin your wipes, and **flush only pee, poo and toilet paper.**

Tissues &

Paper Towels



Tissues and paper towels may seem fine to flush – they’re only paper, right? **Wrong** – these paper products are designed to **absorb** water rather than dissolve in water like toilet paper, swelling to cause large masses in pipes.

COMMON ITEMS

Found in Sewer and Septic Blockages

Sanitary Products



Sanitary products such as tampons and pads are also designed to absorb liquid rather than dissolve in water, which means they swell, sometimes to several times larger than their original size. It is the same with **disposable nappies, cotton balls and swabs**.

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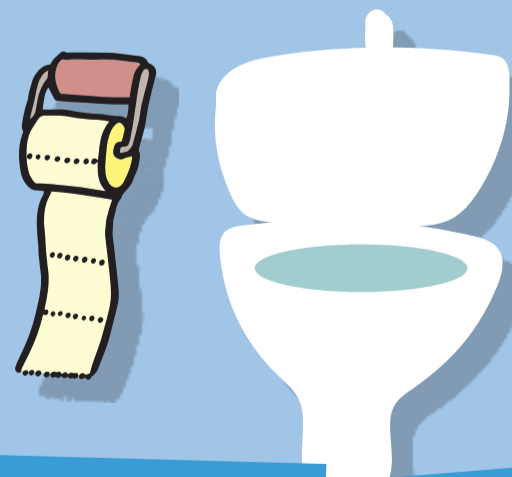
Dental Floss & Hair



Dental floss and hair cause similar types of havoc in our sewers and septic systems – neither break down easily in water and can build up over time, wrapping around other items flushed after them, creating even larger clumps that can clog sewers and pipes.

Medicine

Medicines, particularly **antibiotics**, as well as **other chemicals**, kill the bacteria that power the biological processes used to treat wastewater. These substances can also damage marine life when the treated wastewater is released into the environment. Please dispose of thoughtfully.



Grease & Oils

Grease and oil are particularly hard to deal with as they tend to solidify, sticking to the walls of pipes and creating blockages.