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The Anatomy of a Plumbing Backup

We've all been there. You press the flush handle, take a step back, and instead of a swift, satisfying whirlpool... the water starts rising. Time slows down. Your heart rate speeds up. You look around frantically for the plunger, praying to the plumbing gods that the water stops before it hits the rim.

Toilets are absolute marvels of modern engineering, but they are not magical black holes capable of disintegrating anything you throw at them. In fact, your toilet and sewer line are designed to handle exactly two things: human waste and toilet paper. That's it.

When other items sneak their way down the drain, they create the perfect storm for a nasty, expensive plumbing backup. If you want to keep your main line clear and your home stress-free, here are the top three everyday offenders you should **never** wash down the drain.





3 Things You Should Never Flush

1. "Flushable" Wipes (The Marketing Myth)

Just because it *can* flush doesn't mean it *should*. Unlike toilet paper, which disintegrates in seconds, "flushable" wipes stay fully intact in your pipes. They snag on rough spots and tree roots, acting like a brick wall that catches everything behind them until your system completely backs up.

2. Cooking Grease (The Arteries of Your Pipes)

Pouring liquid grease down the sink is an absolute trap. While it goes down smooth, it rapidly cools underground, solidifying into a thick, waxy sludge on your pipe walls. This waxy layer narrows your plumbing until dirty wastewater has nowhere to go but backward into your home.

3. Hair (The Ultimate Catch-All Net)

Hair is strong, stringy, and doesn't dissolve. When washed down the sink or shower, it wraps around internal plumbing parts and forms an underground net. Those net catches soap scum, food, and paper, turning a few stray strands into a solid, waterproof clog.

Prevent Disasters Before They Start

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Minor issues are often early warning signs of severe main-line blockages that can lead to major water damage.

If you notice your toilets are gurgling, your drains are running sluggishly, or you are already dealing with a stubborn backup, don't wait for a total disaster to strike.

At **Connect Plumbing & HVAC**, our team of plumbing experts is here to keep your home comfortable and your lines clear. We can professionally assess, repair, and clear main-line issues quickly done right the first time.