



## OLD PILLS PILING UP?

# NO DRUGS DOWN THE DRAIN!

If you're like most people, you have accumulated a collection of prescription drugs and other pharmaceuticals that are no longer needed. Once it was common practice to flush expired medications down the toilet.

Many drugs are found at trace levels in treated wastewater discharged from sewage treatment plants. We now know that some of these substances are bad for our environment.

These chemicals can pass through sewage treatment plants and septic tanks into surface waters, soils, and the groundwater. The federal government has released new guidelines to reduce the diversion of prescription drugs while also protecting the environment.

## HOW TO DISPOSE OF UNUSED PILLS

- Remove all personal information from prescription containers.
- Place the prescription in a container such as an empty can or sealable bag.
- Seal the container and **take it to the HHW Collection Center.**
- Always keep medicines away from children and pets.
- Expired medications can be dropped off at the HHW Collection Center (See address below).

## FOR MORE INFORMATION...



Please visit us at:  
[www.VictorvilleCA.gov/PublicWorks](http://www.VictorvilleCA.gov/PublicWorks)  
Or call us at: **760.241.6365**

**Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center** is located behind the SB County Fairgrounds. Enter from 7<sup>th</sup> Street at Desert Knoll Drive and turn right on Love Lane. (Free Drop-offs) Open Wednesdays and Sundays from 9:00 AM to 4 PM.

# PLEASE DISPOSE OF WASTE PROPERLY

Only human waste and toilet paper should go down the toilet. When other items are flushed down the toilet, sewer overflows can occur. Sewer overflows can cause health problems, property damage and threaten the environment.

All of these items should be put in the trash except for Sharps & Medicines.

\*Sharps and Medicines should not be put in the trash but should be taken to the **Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center**. See address on the back.



## PROTECT YOUR HOME & THE ENVIRONMENT

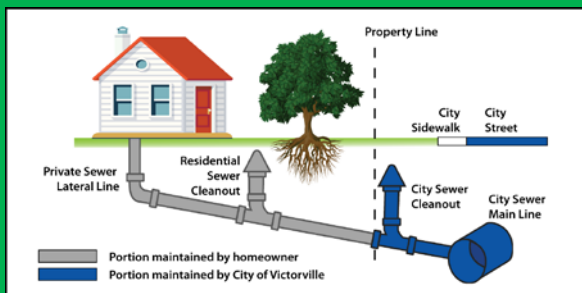


When grease washes down the sink, it sticks to the insides of the pipes that connect your home to the City's sewer. This grease builds up until it completely blocks sewer pipes. That creates expensive maintenance problems for both the City and homeowners.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP!

- Don't pour grease down sink drains or toilets.
- Scrape grease and food scraps into the trash.
- Or, pour grease into tin cans, let it harden and throw in the trash.
- Catch food scraps & other solids with a strainer in the drain, and empty the strainer into the trash.
- Remember, your garbage disposal is not a trash can. Try to minimize its use.

## PROTECT YOUR SEWER SYSTEM FROM OVERFLOWS



Care & maintenance of the private sewer line is the homeowner's responsibility. Regular cleaning is essential to keep the waste flowing!

### IN CASE OF A BLOCK...

If your lateral line is blocked, it's your responsibility to find the cause and remove the blockage. Most licensed plumbers provide services to clear a lateral.

If the licensed plumber determines that the blockage is caused by the City's portion of the line, immediately contact the Public Works Department at (760) 241-6365.

Personnel will be dispatched to investigate.