



Lifting the lid

on sewage systems

WATCH YOUR DRAINS

What goes down the drain can have a major impact on how well your septic system works.

What shouldn't you flush down your toilet?

- Dental Floss
- Cotton Swabs
- Coffee Grounds
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Condoms
- Cigarette Butts
- Paper Towels
- Nappies
- Cat Litter

and other kitchen and bathroom items that can clog and potentially damage septic system components if they become trapped.

Flushing household chemicals, gasoline, oil, pesticides, antifreeze, and paint can stress or destroy the biological treatment taking place in the system or might contaminate surface waters and groundwater.



If your septic tank is quickly accumulating scum layers, reduce the flow of floatable materials like fats, oils, and grease into your tank or be prepared to pay for more frequent pump-outs.



For more information, contact Council's Environmental Health staff on 4993 4100, or visit www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au.