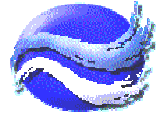




Appropriate Use of Household Drains

Oshkosh Family Housing Guide Sheet



Please follow the guidelines below for proper use of your household drains. Inappropriate use of drains is a common cause of plugged drains, slow water drainage, and water back up, costing residents and the Housing Authority significant time and resources. Thank you for your help.

Toilet:

The Toilet is only to be used for human waste, toilet paper, water, and certain liquid cleaning supplies in which the directions indicate the fluid should be flushed. No other items should be flushed down the toilet. Examples of things that people inappropriately flush down their toilet include: tissue paper, hair, mud and stones, medications, personal care products, and baby wipes.

Bathroom Sinks & Shower:

Bathroom sinks are only to be used for activities such as washing hands and face, brushing teeth, and other hygiene activities such as light shaving. Water is generally the only thing that should go down your bathroom sink and shower drains. Chunks of soap, dirt, stones, hair and other items should not be placed down your bathroom drains. The most common cause of sink drain plugs is hair.

Kitchen Sinks:

DO **NOT** PLACE FOOD SCRAPS DOWN YOUR KITCHEN SINK! Also, do **not** pour cooking grease, cooking oils, or vehicle fluids down your sink. Do not place animal byproducts down your drain, such as bones, feathers, or skin. The kitchen sink is to only be used for water, beverages, and some household cleaning fluids. All other items need to be composted, thrown away, or disposed of as indicated by specific label instructions.

Basement Laundry Tub Sink:

The Laundry Tub drain is **only** to be used for water, laundry related cleaning products, and light cleaning of household items. Anything with large chunks of dirt on should be cleaned outside in a bucket and not in the sink. No animal products should be handled in the sink. No hair, feathers, dryer lint, dirt and stones, food, beverages, or tissues should be placed down this drain.

Basement Floor Drains:

Floor drains in your basement are in place to drain water heater and furnace condensate, laundry water overflow, and water buildup that may occur in your basement. Do not sweep things into the floor drains. Specifically, **DO NOT** place dirt and rocks, animal feathers or products, metal and plastic items, wrappers, rags, or dryer lint into the floor drain.