Proper Disposal of Medical / Dental / Veterinary Waste and Personal Care Items

Help Protect DeKalb County's Sanitary Sewer System!
It's Important To You, Our Employees, And The Environment!

LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO ELIMINATE IMPROPER WASTE DISPOSAL!!!
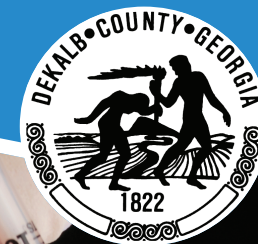
WATER Matters

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

To Report a Spill or Improper Disposal: 24 Hour
770-270-6243

For More Information on Medical/Dental/ Veterinary Waste and Disposal call:
FOG Management
404-687-7150

TOILETS ARE NOT TRASH CANS!

Dispose of toilet paper **only** into the toilet!

Do not dispose of:

▪ Paper

▪ Plastic

▪ Gauze, bandages, gloves, and tape

▪ Needles and vials

▪ Adult and baby diapers

▪ Blue bed pads

▪ Large personal wipes

▪ Janitorial supplies
  (mop heads & floor wipes)

▪ Cat litter

If your facility has low flow fixtures/toilets, this will increase the problem!

DeKalb County
DEPARTMENT OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

Gauze pulled from a manhole which caused a major spill in DeKalb County in 2015.

WHAT A MESS!

Did you know improper disposal of medical and personal care waste through toilets or floor drains, can cause blockages in pipes, which ultimately cause sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs)?

SSOs OCCUR WHEN...
wastewater is blocked and overflows from a manhole or broken pipe; or backs up into your building. SSOs are health hazards and harm the environment.

IT'S A VIOLATION!
It's a violation of the Clean Water Act and can result in fines to the County. This can potentially cost you money to correct your lines if not installed to code.

All spills related to medical waste are reported to:

- *U.S.Environmental Protection Agency*
- *GA Environmental Protection Division*
- *The Health Department*

MEDICAL AND PERSONAL CARE WASTE includes......

1 Needles and vials

2 Tape, gauze, bandages, plastic, paper, gloves, rags

3 Infant and adult diapers, blue bed pads

4 Cat litter

HOW CAN WE SOLVE THE PROBLEM?

To avoid improper medical and personal care waste disposal, follow proper disposal practices at your facility.

Facilities that generate medical type waste include...

- Hospitals
- Nursing homes
- Retirement and group homes
- Clinics: medical, dental, and veterinary
- Blood donation facilities