



Federation of Kings Point Associations, Inc.

## URGENT NOTICE

To: All Kings Point Association Presidents

From: Jim Haggerty, President 

Date: October 31, 2014

We have received written and verbal notice from Hillsborough County Public Utilities Department regarding the sewage lift stations located in Kings Point. These systems are being compromised with the flushing of adult diapers by some residents.

Please notify all your residents that the above practice is prohibited. If this practice continues, there is a very good chance that the sewage systems for all residents in Kings Point will be compromised, resulting in sewage overflow occurring inside many units.

We have attached a copy of the "Beware of The Unflushables" Public Utilities flyer that will be posted on the [kpscc.com](http://kpscc.com) Home page and the wheel. Copies have also been distributed to your mailboxes. Please review the attachment and post it on your bulletin boards as soon as possible.



# Beware of “The Unflushables”

## To Flush or Not to Flush? That is the Question!

Wastewater collection systems are designed to take away used, dirty water from sinks, baths, showers, laundries and toilets. When you flush paper, plastic wastes, and other items not easily shredded or dissolved, your Hillsborough County wastewater collection system can experience problems moving the wastewater to the treatment plant where it is cleaned and disinfected to protect public health and the environment.

“Unflushables” have the ability to clog not only the wastewater line on your property but also the County’s wastewater pipes and pumps, which may cause an overflow from the collection system into homes, businesses, lakes, rivers and ponds.



The toilet is not the right place to discard medication. Wastewater systems are not designed to remove many medications, which may pass through the treatment process and be discharged to the same waters where people fish and swim.

Medicine take-back boxes for expired, unwanted, or unused medicines are located in all Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office substations. Medicines can also be dissolved or mixed with something inedible, like cat litter or dirt, before being thrown in the trash. Remember to secure the lid firmly with tape, and mark out your name and prescription number for safety.



### How can you prevent sewer overflows?

**Easy! Don’t flush these items, even if the label says “flushable”:**

- Baby wipes
- Bandages
- Cat litter
- Cigarette butts
- Cleaning wipes
- Clothing
- Condoms
- Cotton balls/swabs
- Dental floss
- Diapers
- Facial tissue
- Fats, oils and grease\*
- Feminine hygiene products
- Incontinence pads
- Medication
- Moist towelettes
- Paper towels
- Personal wipes
- Plastic bags
- Rags
- Razors and blades
- Syringes
- Toys

For more information on preventing sewer overflows, contact the Hillsborough County Public Utilities Department Pretreatment Team at 813-272-5977 or via email to [GotGrease@HillsboroughCounty.org](mailto:GotGrease@HillsboroughCounty.org).

\*To learn more about Hillsborough County’s Cooking Oil Recycling Effort (CORE) and how you can recycle used cooking oil, visit [HillsboroughCounty.org/CORE](http://HillsboroughCounty.org/CORE).