

# CITY OF ESTELLINE

## ESTELLINE, SD

To the residents of Estelline,

The operation, maintenance, and management of the community wastewater system are the responsibilities of the city council. We are taking steps to insure that the operation, maintenance, and management of the system will be done as efficiently as possible. However, we cannot do it by ourselves. This sewer system is **your** system; it is not the soul property of the city council or any one person. It is **essential** that we have your cooperation by not disposing of cigarette butts, paper towels, disposable diapers, sanitary hygiene products, grease, paint, varnish, plastics, cat litter, coffee grounds, rags, or **any** material of a nondecomposable or toxic nature into the sewer system. ***The sewer system is not a receptacle for trash.***

Also, water from area drains, eave spouts, sump pumps discharging water from footing drains, and other clear water sources **must not** discharge into the sewage system. These types of water sources do not contain contaminants that have to be treated, but by discharging them into the system requires additional pumping and storage costs. Keep in mind that waste discharging from toilets, bathtubs, showers, sinks, dish and clothes washers **must discharge** into the wastewater system.

***Vandalism is also an ongoing problem with any public facility. It is to your benefit that if you see someone entering a manhole, lift station, or the lagoon site other than the operator or an authorized person, to contact the mayor or a councilperson immediately.***

With your cooperation, we can operate the system as efficiently as possible and therefore keep user costs as low as possible. Excess operator time and efforts only increases expenses, which will ultimately lead to premature rate increases.

Your cooperation is essential and appreciated.

Thank you,

The mayor and city council.

The City of Estelline has compiled a list of the items that do not dissolve in the sewer and can cause sewer backups in your home or neighborhood.

**DO NOT FLUSH LIST.**

- diapers
- paper towels
- facial tissue
- cotton swabs
- baby wipes
- adult wipes
- medicated hygiene wipes
- hair
- gum wrappers
- candy wrappers
- facial pads
- dental floss
- floss picks
- cigarettes
- cotton balls
- scoops of kitty litter
- women's hygiene products
- all purpose cleaning wipes
- disposable toilet wand pads
- adhesive bandages
- condoms
- makeup remover wipes
- shower body wipes

Please remember, your toilet is not a trash can.