**SOUTHWEST HARBOR WATER & SEWER DISTRICT**

**PLEASE DO NOT DISPOSE OF THESE ITEMS DOWN YOUR SEWER PIPES**

**DISPOSE OF THEM PROPERLY**

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| **ITEM** | **DISRIPTION** |  |
| **Medicine** | Expired or unused Prescriptions | There is a drop off box for prescription medicine located at the front door to the Police Dept. with 24 hour access. |
| **Medicine** | Expired or unused over the counter type | Keep contents in bottle or package they came in and place into trash barrel. |
| **Medical and Sanitary Items** | Bandages, Feminine sanitary products, birth control items, facial tissues, paper towels, dental floss, diapers | Place in trash barrel. Wrap in tissue if need be. |
| **Woven Wipes** | Baby Wipes, Rags, Disinfectant wipes, Cleaning wipes | Throw in trash barrel…NEVER flush down your toilet. |
| **Sharps / Needles** | Broken glass, needles, syringes | Handle carefully. Place in separate old container, jar or can if possible, place in trash. |
| **Make up items** | Cotton balls, make up wipes, Q-tips, old make up | Throw into trash barrel |
| **Cooking Oils / Fats** | Meat / Fish drippings, Salad Dressing, Cooking Oil, Dairy products, Condiments, Soups & Chowders, Butter & Margarine, BBQ sauces | Poor any liquified oils and fats into a covered jar or can and place in trash. You can let meat fats harden and scrap into the trash. |
| **Non-cooking Oils / Gas** | Motor oil, Baby oil, Sun tan lotion, Gasoline, Paint | Take used motor oil to the store you purchased the new oil from, some Auto Garages will also accept it for their used oil heaters.  Paints and paint brushes should never be dumped or cleaned down the drain. Keep old paint in the can and let it air dry and place in trash barrel. Remove as much paint as possible from brushes and clean in a bucket of water. Let the bucket sit, drain off the clear water and dump what little remains in a jar for the trash or let evaporate and wipe clean.  All other items leave in original container and place in trash. |
| **Fertilizer, Pesticides, Poisons** | House Plant Food, Herbicide, Mouse Poison, Ant Poison, Lawn care products, | Even if it says, “All natural” or “organic”, these are still poisons and can be brought to the Transfer Station on Long Pond Rd. the 3rd Saturday of the month for hazardous waste collection. |
| **Organics** | Vegetable scraps, old vegetables, household plant clippings, Animal wastes, animal bedding & paper, deceased animals & fish, meat / fish scraps, table scraps | These should all be either composed or placed in the trash stream. …or in the case of the deceased pet, a proper burial in the back yard. : ) |
| **Inorganics** | Kitty Litter, Household Plant Soils, Floor Sweepings…anything else not previously listed | All inorganic items should be placed in trash barrel and never flushed down the drain. |
| **Other Waters** | Sump pump, perimeter drain or roof drain discharge | It is unlawful to have any ground water, surface water or storm water directly pumped or drained into the sewer collection system. Not only does this overwhelm the plant with extra flow and cause problems with solid removal, if contaminants are brought into the collection system or treatment plant, the point of origination can be traced and the owner of said location will be responsible for the cost of fines and clean up. This is common from sump pumps where heating fuel leaks of contamination from other hazardous items stored in a cellar or garage. |