



# Your Utility Company Newsletter



The influent pump at our Waste Water Treatment Plant developed this rag ball one week after being rebuilt. The pump has already failed. (Photo May 2019)



## Not Flushable

- Diapers
- Feminine Products
- Cigarette Butts
- ANY Wipes
- Toilet Bowl Scrub Pads
- Dryer Sheets
- Cotton Swabs
- Bandages
- Kitty Litter
- Paper Towels
- Anything** that is NOT toilet paper, human waste, and water.



## Prescription and Over the Counter Drug Disposal Sites in Bandon

You may dispose of your expired or unwanted drugs at the Bandon Police Department during weekdays or at the new drug disposal collection site in Rite Aid in front of the Pharmacy's Pick Up Counter. Please do not dispose of your expired or unwanted drugs down the toilet or drain.

## There is No Away

The photo on the front side of this newsletter is of the influent pump at Bandon's Waste Water Treatment Plant. You can see what happens when people "throw away" rags and other non-flushable debris into the sewer system. These "rags" clog the pump. Many people believe they are "flushing away" the wipes that are labeled "disposable", or that they are "throwing them away", but, there is no away. "Away, in this case, is through the pipes to the influent pump at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Clogs like you see in the photo become a problem for you and everyone else in Bandon. The influent pump has to be repaired when it breaks down. The repairs cost approximately \$20,000 each time the pump fails. This problem and the cost to repair the problem are preventable. We can become more aware of what we are flushing "away". We can stop using the toilet and drains as trash cans and instead, use wastebaskets and real trash cans to dispose of anything that is not intended to be flushed. We will be diverting our trash away from the Waste Water Treatment Plant to the landfill. This is not away, it is just a more appropriate elsewhere, and the influent pump will have fewer clogs, and the cost of repairs will be saved.