

DON'T FLUSH PHARMACEUTICALS!



Pharmaceuticals such as antibiotics, antidepressants and anticonvulsants have been detected in the drinking water of many U.S. cities. Combinations of these drugs that get into marine waters can be harmful to fish, algae and other marine life.

While sewage treatment plants and septic systems remove larger particles from the sewage, it is important to remember that some things, like pharmaceutical compounds, are not as easily broken down by natural bacteria or the processes used by sewage treatment plants. These compounds can alter the chemistry and biology for the environments, marine or fresh, that they flow into. We must always be mindful that what we put into our drains does not simply cease to exist; its flow path continues through to our natural water resources.