

# Be Sewer Smart With World Toilet Day

Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD) is proud to celebrate World Toilet Day on November 19, 2020, and the role that responsible wastewater systems play in protecting public health.

EMWD operates the region's largest wastewater collection system and treats 46 million gallons of wastewater per day. EMWD customers have invested in a system that protects public health and the environment while providing recycled water for irrigation purposes.

World Toilet Day is a United Nations observance to raise awareness of the 4.2 billion people who lack access to safely managed sanitation systems.

EMWD's Healthy Sewers encourages customers to practice the following habits:

- Avoid placing fats, oils and grease (FOG) down the drain. When FOG hardens, it can cause costly blockages in the sewer system and lead to sewer spills. FOG should be disposed of in a waste bin.
- Customers should avoid flushing unused medications. To dispose of unused medication, return them to a pharmacy drop off center or put them in a bag of kitty litter and into a waste bin.
- Do not place "flushable" sanitary wipes into the sewer system. These wipes do not break down like toilet paper. Only dispose of sanitary wipes in a waste bin.



Learn more tips on how to be Sewer Smart at [www.emwd.org/SewerSmart](http://www.emwd.org/SewerSmart).