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## EVERYDAY ITEMS YOU SHOULD NEVER FLUSH DOWN THE TOILET

Avoid contaminating the water system, clogging pipes, and creating costly repairs with these tips on what to stop flushing down the drain.

1. **Baby Wipes** (do not break down quickly & can easily get stuck)
2. **Paper Towels & Tissues** (designed to absorb - not dissolve)
3. **Cotton Balls & Q-Tips** (tend to build-up inside pipes)
4. **Feminine Products** (designed to absorb - not dissolve)
5. **Dental Floss** (wraps around other items creating clogs)
6. **Hair** (tends to get stuck to the inside of pipes)
7. **Bandages** (non-biodegradable plastic pollutes water systems)
8. **Medications** (cause hazardous water pollution)
9. **Cigarette Butts** (introduces harmful toxins into the water system)
10. **Fats, Oils & Grease** (solidifies in drains & damage pipes)
11. **Cat Litter** (releases harmful parasites & clog pipes)
12. **Chewing Gum** (solidifies & becomes hard as a rock)

**It is important to remember that a toilet is not a replacement for a garbage can. Protect your plumbing and the environment by following these guidelines, and when in doubt, throw it in your trash rather than flushing.**



**OSCAR FLORES**  
Utility Technician III  
NMB Water Distribution  
and Construction Department



NMB Water would like to spotlight a dedicated gentleman who has proudly worked at NMB Water and the City of North Miami Beach for over 30 years. As a Utility Technician III, Oscar's main responsibility is to ensure continuous reliable potable water distribution service to customers. That means, if a pipe leaks or breaks anywhere throughout the NMB Water service area, Oscar and the team are on it!

Oscar is married with one daughter. In his free-time away from NMB Water's infrastructure, Oscar enjoys playing pool, his dog Mikey, and watching the television show Top Chef. He says that his favorite vacation he has ever taken was to the beautiful beaches, lush rain forests and ancient ruins of Honduras.

It's obvious to his colleagues at NMB that for the last 30 years, Oscar is genuinely dedicated to his job and the Distribution Department. When asked what makes him proud after all these years, Oscar will tell you he simply loves what he does and loves to do it right.



THANK  
YOU OSCAR FOR  
EVERYTHING  
YOU DO!



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## ANNUAL CHLORINE DISINFECTION OF THE WATER SYSTEM UPDATE

NMB Water will be performing our annual chlorine disinfection of the water system from November 7th through November 19th.

During this time, the Norwood Water Treatment Plant will switch from chloramine to free chlorine disinfection, followed by system flushing through fire hydrants. System disinfection and hydrant flushing will provide for continued high quality water for our customers.





## AMERICAN WATER WORKS ASSOCIATION JOINT CIP NIGHT

NMB Water personnel, as well as members from the CIP Team were recently the featured guests at a special Capital Improvement Program Night sponsored by the American Water Works Association.



During the prestigious, sold-out event, NMB Water's Director Andrea Suárez Abastida presented some of the outstanding accomplishments and highlights to date from our CIP program.

MAKING EVERY DROP COUNT

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SHARING  
OUR  
STORY



A DROP IN THE BUCKET

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THE LATEST  
PROJECT UPDATES AND  
SCHEDULES, PLEASE VISIT  
OUR CIP DASHBOARD AT  
[NMBWATER.COM](http://NMBWATER.COM)

## CIP PROJECT UPDATE

NMB Water's Capital Improvement Program is an investment in the future. Another great example of this is the construction of our new, 5-Million-Gallon Storage Tank project located at the Norwood Water Treatment Plant.

Even though we are in the early stages with moving existing power lines and digging up old pipes, when complete, the existing 2-Million-Gallon Steel Storage Tank is going to be demolished and replaced with the state-of-the-art 5-Million-Gallon Storage Tank. It is currently located in a vacant area on the north side of the site. The old tank will remain in service while the new tank is constructed.

The 5-Million-Gallon Storage Tank is domed pre-stressed concrete with an inside diameter of 155 feet and a side water depth of 35 feet. Features include a dome ventilator, dome access hatch, aluminum ladder and dome handrail, level indicator, wall manholes for side access, and provisions for **overflow piping**.

Stay tuned for more exciting project updates from our Capital Improvement Program.



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## 2023 FLORIDA DESIGN-BUILD CONFERENCE

Andrea Suárez Abastida, the Director of NMB Water was a featured guest panelist at the Florida Design-Build Conference in Orlando (October 23 – 25).



The conference featured decision-makers, contractors, architects, engineers, as well as public and private project owners.



Design-Build is currently the fastest growing and most popular method used to deliver construction projects in the United States.

The method involves having a project owner, like NMB Water, manage a contract with a single point of responsibility.

This allows the Designer and Contractor to work together from the beginning, as a team, to best fit the schedule and budget.

DESIGN-BUILD IS BOOMING