



Informationcampaign Hörby Leaflet 2

Hörby Kommun

Information concerning the water and waste water system

The technical office in Hörby is responsible for the management of the water and waste water systems within the municipality. On the website www.horby.se you can find basic information on your water and waste water systems and make print-outs of forms and leaflets.

Hörby municipality participates in an EU financed project, Euroslam. The overall purpose is to improve the capacity of small and medium sized waste water treatment plants for modernized and sustainable sludge handling. The long term objective is to reduce the load of nutrients to the Baltic Sea and heavy metals to the environment.

The sludge mirrors the community we live in hence you play an important role in the quality of the sludge produced. For more information on this project go to www.euroslam.eu

This leaflet is an effort in ensuring a cleaner sludge that can be dispensed on agricultural fields and create a sustainable replenish of nutrients.

Sewage treatment plant

The waste water is a part of the water cycle. Every day waste water from the community is via toilets, drains and wells transported to the treatment plant. In the treatment plant the water is subjected to vast mechanical, chemical and biological purification steps prior to it being discharged back into lakes and streams, where it can be extracted again.

Keep our drains clean!

Waste water treatment plants are built to handle urine, faeces and toilet paper – nothing else! Ensure that there always is a waste basket in our bathroom where you can throw other waste.

- Solid objects such as candy wrappers, cotton tops cigarette buds, condoms, sanitary pads and tampons clog drains, valves and pumps in the waste water system. So always remember that your toilet is not a waste basket!
- Cat litter poured down the drain form big obstructions that clog the drains.
- Chemicals, varnish and paint residues contain environmentally harmful substances that disrupt the biological purification process in the treatment plant. The harmful substances are hence not removed from the waste water and are discharged into our streams and lakes. So always leave your chemicals at your local waste management site.
- Pharmaceuticals contain environmentally harmful substances so always hand in your old/unused pharmaceuticals at your local pharmacy.



Fat and fatty fluids



When fat and fatty fluids are washed down the drain it sets along the pipe walls forming build ups that clog the drains. Collect any excess fat in pots and pans and throw in your household waste. Then wipe down the pots and pans with household paper before washing them. Frying oil should be collected in a plastic container and thrown in the household waste.

Washing your vehicle

Washing your motor vehicles may have a negative on the environment. Cleaning substances for motor vehicles often contains solvents that are harmful for both the environment and human health. The washing also releases harmful substances such as oil, heavy metals and PAHs from your vehicle. If the contaminated washing water reaches the waste water treatment plants it can impair the treatment process and the sludge quality.

Washing your vehicle in the street is discouraged as the water might not undergo any treatment before it is discharged into the environment. Therefore wash your motor vehicles in a facility that has the means for treating/handling washing water.