

## Flush or Not to Flush?

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### Step 1



Choose 5 different types of paper. e.g. toilet paper, tissue, kitchen roll, toilet wipes and cleaning wipes; that people are likely to put down the toilet.

### Step 2



Fill 5 bottles  $\frac{1}{2}$  full with water.

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Place one type of paper in each bottle. Make sure the lid is tightly on!

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Shake each bottle vigorously for 20 seconds.

### Step 5



Look carefully at the paper in the bottle.

*Has the 'flushing' action of the bottle broken it up into very small pieces?*

### Step 6



Slowly pour the contents of the bottle into the bucket/bowl.

What do you notice about the paper/flow of the water?

How could you use this experiment to help get the message across?