

Who is the Blackfoot Water Pollution Control Utility?

Blackfoot employs 14 full time employees and is made up of five separate sections:

- ✔ Pretreatment
- ✔ Sewer Collections
- ✔ Maintenance
- ✔ Operations
- ✔ Laboratory

The facility is manned 10 hours a day and is located at 2025 Riverton Road. We can be reached at (208) 785-8616 on weekdays during normal business hours. More information can be found on our website at: www.blackfootwwtp.com and check out the City's Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/blackfoot.org

What does the Blackfoot Water Pollution Control Utility do?

The city's wastewater treatment plant treats the city's wastewater based upon the high standards of the City of Blackfoot and the rules set forth by the State of Idaho and Federal law. It is our goal to produce and discharge the highest quality effluent possible to protect the Snake River and its downstream users. Currently the City utility treats on average 1.5 million gallons a day.



Blackfoot Wastewater Facts

- ✔ Each person generates an average of 100 gallons of wastewater daily.
- ✔ The average person flushes a toilet about 2500 times a year.
- ✔ Blackfoot owns, operates and maintains approximately 65 miles of wastewater collection pipe.
- ✔ Most sewer lines flow by gravity to Blackfoot's wastewater treatment plant.

PROTECTING THE RIVER
THROUGH
WASTEWATER
TREATMENT



Water Pollution Control Utility

Rex Moffat, Superintendent

How can the residents of Blackfoot help?

Currently, money and time is being spent on the sewer collection system due to pumps plugging and sewer backups. The residents of Blackfoot can help in multiple cost savings measures to ensure the integrity of our municipal sewer system. The following phrases are good things to remember when using the toilets, drains, and sinks in your home or place of business.

Save your pipes, don't flush wipes!

Flushing all types of wipes can result in time consuming maintenance matters for the employees of the Blackfoot wastewater utility. Wipes don't disintegrate in the sewer system like conventional toilet paper. Below is a picture of a pile of wipes pulled out of one of our problem lift stations.



Pumps have a hard time with wipes and other large solid materials. As seen above this pump is plugged and required maintenance actions. Pumps are not the only thing to plug. Residential sewer lines are typically small four-inch lines and can be plugged; causing costly backups into your home. These issues can be avoided by throwing away and not flushing these following items:

- ✦ Sanitary napkins
- ✦ Disposable diapers
- ✦ Q-tips
- ✦ Medication
- ✦ Syringes/needles
- ✦ Flushable wipes
- ✦ Cotton balls
- ✦ Dental floss
- ✦ Condoms
- ✦ Feminine Products

Don't feed the grease monster!



c This is what we call the grease monster! The citizens of Blackfoot can help in stopping the grease monster by:

- ✦ Never pour grease down the sink or toilet
- ✦ Use a strainer in the sink to catch food scraps and other solids
- ✦ Pour oil and grease into a separate can or container to cool and then throw it away.