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### **NWC WARNS AGAINST IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE**

As the National Water Commission continues to play its part conserving and preserving the environment, the entity is tasked on a daily basis to respond to cases of overflowing sewage especially in the Corporate Area which has the greatest concentration of sewers.

During a typical operation to clear blockages, the work crew may detect several objects that do not belong in the central sewerage systems. These objects comprise household garbage, construction debris, pieces of old furniture, kitchen utensils, disposable diapers, wipes, stones, sticks and contribute significantly to unsightly waste on our roadways. In addition to these objects, fats, oils and greases, particularly from commercial operations also contribute to sewer blockages.

In recent times, the sewers have been inundated with plastic bottles and wipes, which not only affects the sewers, but eventually enters the oceans affecting marine life as well.

While the NWC admits that its sewers are old, better care in disposing of our garbage by the public would help to preserve the environment and to minimize the cost of maintenance.

The National Water Commission therefore craves the cooperation of the public wherever sanitary sewers exist to:

1. Desist from throwing garbage, waste material and other solids into the sanitary sewers.
2. Dispose of garbage by placing solid wastes in bags and bins

3. Desist from connecting storm water drains to the sewers or from opening or tampering with NWC or property manholes connected to the central sewers.
4. Desist from removing manhole covers and other parts of the infrastructure network
5. Ensure that only the waste water from your kitchen sinks, showers, wash basins and toilets enter the sewer system.
6. Report any incident of persons removing or causing damage to the sewerage network to the Police and the NWC.

In this festive season when much more waste is generated, the NWC join in the appeal for persons to act responsibly and 'do the right thing' – BAG IT, BIN IT!