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KEEP WIPES OUT OF PIPES



Sometimes we forget the toilet is not a trash can. All wipes and disposable cleaning products belong in the trash, not the toilet.

Did you know flushing wipes down the toilet can cause problems in the City's sewer system? Those "disposable" wipes may be labeled flushable, but they can clog the sewer system, contributing to costly cleanups and may result in basement backups.

The City is experiencing an increase in wastewater pump station malfunctions in certain areas. Crews are regularly unclogging mounds of rags and wipes from pumps, at considerable expense, and the potential for environmental consequences could be raw sewage backing up into your or a neighbor's basement.

Common Offenders

- Disinfecting wipes
- Paper towels
- Swiffer mop refills
- Toss-in toilet bowl wands
- Shop towels/rags
- Towelettes
- Baby wipes

Many cleaning products are labeled "flushable" or "disposable," but they often don't dissolve or break down after being flushed. A general guideline is, if it doesn't dissolve as fast as toilet paper, it's not flushable.

Please do your part and place these materials where they belong: in the trash.

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