

No Wipes in the Pipes

Help Prevent Messy and Costly Sewer Backups

*If it's not toilet paper, trash it! **

Wipes, rags, paper towels, feminine products, and other materials are being flushed into the sewer system, causing backups and equipment failures for our operations staff.

**Flush only toilet paper and human waste—
nothing else!**

All other items should be thrown in the trash.

Disposable Wipes and Paper Products:

Disposable disinfectant wipes, baby wipes, and even those labeled as “flushable” wipes cause serious problems for the sewer system, as they do not break down easily (or at all) once they are flushed. Paper products other than toilet paper (e.g., paper towels) also do not break down once in the sewer line. No matter what the label says, don't flush them, toss them instead.

Increased Costs:

When items like these are flushed, our sewer pipes and pump stations require increased monitoring, maintenance, and repair. This results in higher operational costs, which are paid for by your sewer rates.



Beware the Fatbergs:

When wipes and other materials interact with food grease or invasive roots in the sewer, they bind together, causing “fatbergs,” like the one shown to the left, that can then cause blockages, creating the potential for overflows.

An Expensive Habit: *If wipes and other materials can clog our sewer pipes and pump stations, they can definitely clog your home's smaller pipes, requiring you to pay a plumber to clear the blockage.*

DO YOUR PART: *At home, tell your family members to flush only toilet paper, nothing else. Advise people not to put Wipes Down the Pipes.*

For more information please
contact us at 707-259-8600

* This includes Fats, Oils, Grease, old cosmetic, lotions, and medications.