

## Disposable Does Not Mean Flushable

Our toilets are designed for water, human waste and toilet paper-**NOTHING ELSE!** Other items flushed down the toilet can cause blockages and damage to the sewer system.



### Do Flush!

- Toilet paper
- Human waste



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**NO  
WIPES IN  
THE PIPES**

Only toilet paper down the toilet

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## Wipes clog pipes and Pumps!

Many household products are labeled and marketed as disposable; many baby hygiene products are labeled both disposable and flushable. And while these products may be marketed as a convenience item in this way, the truth is that these household wipes and cleaning towelettes have the ability to clog and stop up not only the sewer line on your property, but also can cause blockage and service problems in the public sewer system and pump stations.

Unlike toilet paper, these products do not break down once they are flushed. They can cause blockages in your on-site sewer, especially older lines that may have greases, roots, or other obstructions present.

When these products make their way into the public sewer system they collect together and cause clogs in the main collection lines and get tangled in pump stations requiring repair and de-clogging of equipment.

## Trash It, Don't Flush It!



## Don't flush!

- ◆ Disposable diapers, baby wipes and nursing pads
- ◆ Adult wipes and facial wipes
- ◆ Dental floss and teeth whitening strips
- ◆ Cotton Balls and swabs
- ◆ Band-Aids, bandage wrappers, gauze
- ◆ Syringes, Needles, or medication
- ◆ Gum, wrappers, or plastic bags
- ◆ Feminine Products, condoms
- ◆ Styrofoam, metal objects
- ◆ Paper towels, labels, cloth items
- ◆ Disinfectant wipes, dusting pads/ cleaning wipes of any kind
- ◆ Kitty litter/pet waste
- ◆ Hair, hair ties and rubber bands
- ◆ Paint solvents, nail polish, polish remover
- ◆ Flammable or other toxic chemicals
- ◆ Toilet bowl scrub pads, sponges
- ◆ Small animals: fish, snakes, mice etc.
- ◆ Fats/rags/oils/grease
- ◆ Toys, batteries
- ◆ Cigarette butts
- ◆ Banana peels, apple cores etc.

## Look!



WPCF staff found baby wipes and other "disposable" items after they had been flushed, gone through the collection system and are caught in the pumps at the pump station.

**JUST BECAUSE THE PACKAGING ON THE PRODUCT SAYS IT IS "DISPOSABLE" DOES NOT MEAN IT IS "FLUSHABLE."**

## Think before you flush!