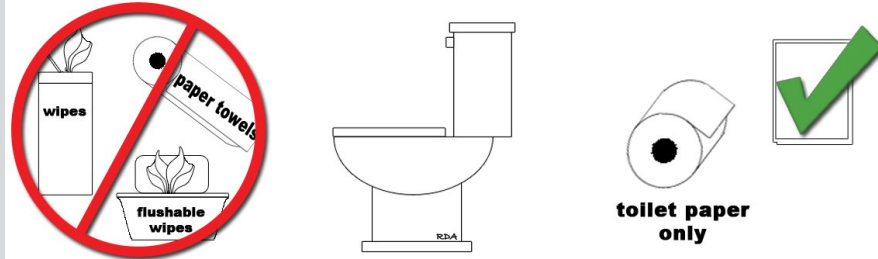




WIPES CLOG PIPES

IGNORE THE HYPE: DON'T FLUSH A WIPE!



- ◆ Wipes may be labeled “flushable,” but they don’t degrade in the system. Flushing them is like flushing a handkerchief or other item made of cloth.
- ◆ Our sewer systems and treatment plants were not designed to handle wipes. They gum up the system, clog pipes and pumps, and cost taxpayers and residents lots of money in additional maintenance costs.
- ◆ If you must use wipes, put them in the trash, not the toilet!
- ◆ Many homeowners have experienced plumbing problems because of wipes, so you may have expensive maintenance issues at home if you flush them.

There are several types of wipes and towels being used in homes, health care facilities, and factories. Examples include shop towels, paper towels, baby, adult, floor, kitchen, bathroom, window, automobile and toilet cleaning wipes. Some of these wipes display a “do not flush down the toilet” symbol on the package and some say they are flushable and will dissolve. What they don’t tell you is how much time is required for the wipes to break down. These items, when combined with grease and tree roots can cause a severe blockage in the City’s main or private lines. These items should be disposed of in the trash and not the sanitary sewer.



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**Thank you for doing your
part in keeping the sanitary
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