

"NO WIPES DOWN THE PIPES" is a campaign to keep cloths, rags, non-flushable wipes, and flushable wipes out of the sanitary sewers. The wastewater community experiences significant issues and expenses from clogged private and public sanitary sewers and pumps due to the wide spread use and marketing of "flushable" wipes. Once the wipes are in the sewer pipes, they get hung up on roots and grease and tangled up in pumps. Wipes are one of the biggest causes of sanitary sewer backups.

A number of items (termed "recognizable solids") which are found to cause major problems to pipes and sewer lines in addition to "flushable" wipes are diapers and diaper liners, baby wipes, pre-moistened wipes, cleaning wipes and brushes, feminine hygiene products, condoms, toilet seat covers, cat litter, Q-tips, dental floss, paper towels, and rags. Please put these items in a trash can. Only toilet paper and human waste (the "3Ps") should be flushed. Save yourself and your wastewater utility from a pain in the drain – flush only the 3Ps!

The Sheboygan Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant collected a total of 137 tons (27,400 pounds) of inorganic solids from the sewage entering the head of the treatment plant in 2016. The cost to dispose of these solids was approximately \$15,000. The majority of these solids were from wipes and other items which should not be flushed down the toilet.

Together we can reduce the sewer backups, clogged pumps, and high maintenance costs by only flushing the 3 P's. Remember, even if it states "Flushable" on the package, IF IT IS NOT TOILET PAPER DO NOT FLUSH IT DOWN THE TOILET!

Check out the video, [*"Will It Flush?"*](#) created by the City of Spokane Department of Wastewater Management and shared in partnership with the Water Environment Federation. For additional information please check out the link, [*"Flushable Wipes and Other Non-Dispersible Products"*](#) on the National Association of Clean Water Agencies' (NACWA) website.



A baby wipe after it has been flushed, gone through the collection system, and pulled from a pump station.

No Wipes Down the Pipes

Even if a product says it is “flushable” ...

Unless it is toilet paper, it should not be flushed!

- Diapers (including cloth, cotton, disposable, or plastic)
- Flushable, disposable, cleaning, or baby wipes
- Paper towels, cloth towels, or any type of rag
- Feminine hygiene products
- Facial Tissues



Place the items listed above in a trash can

**Putting these items down toilets may plug sewers and
cause raw sewage to back up into YOUR HOME**



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