

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 County's sewer system? Those "disposable" wipes may be labeled flushable, but they can clog the sewer system, contributing to costly cleanups.

Common Offenders

- disinfecting wipes
- Swiffer mop refills
- toss-in toilet bowl wands
- towelettes
- baby wipes
- paper towels

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.

The County is experiencing an increase in wastewater pump station malfunctions. Crews are regularly unclogging mounds of disposable paper towels from pumps, at considerable expense, and the potential for environmental consequences could be raw sewage overflowing into a local stream.