

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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FLUSHABLE CLOTHS CLOG YOUR SEWER SYSTEM

Hello to the City of Hartford, Rubicon and Pike Lake Sanitary District users discharging to the City's sanitary sewer plant and collection system. My name is Dave Piquett, Sewer Utility Director for the City of Hartford. One of the most important duties of my job is to provide exceptional wastewater collection, treatment and related services to the City and extraterritorial sanitary districts in a wise and cost effective manner. The introduction of the Flushable Cleansing Cloths to the sanitary sewage systems, has been a major cause for clogging residential laterals, sewer mains, and treatment process pumps around the world, which ultimately has a serious effect on treatment costs.

These cloths when flushed will turn into a gelatin glob, which in turn will sit in sewer laterals and collect other material before clogging the laterals completely. With water conservation in mind, we have low flow toilets in many homes and businesses. These toilets only flush using about 1.6 gallons of water compared to the old toilets using about 5-6 gallons. Without that extra push these extra materials, such as garbage, cleaning rags, and feminine products, etc. that people flush down their toilets these days, will clog your laterals and sewer system lines.

Now it is time to get serious. All of us know that we should not be flushing junk down the toilet. If it can be tossed in the trash, please do that. Now for the bad news: if the lateral leading from your home/building to the sewer main becomes clogged, you are responsible for the cost to clear that clog. This avoidable cost could amount to anywhere from \$350 to \$1,000.

So “PLEASE” everyone! I am asking you to think before you flush. It's that simple.