

## **LIST OF PROHIBITIVE MATERIALS FOR THE SEWER**

**DO NOT:** Flush or put down the drains any of the following items, as they could cause damage or result in sewer overflows and backups:

- ground water drainage and roof drainage flows
- glass;
- metal;
- aquarium stone;
- seafood shells;
- plastic objects (toys, utensils, etc.);
- sanitary napkins or tampons;
- condoms;
- diapers,
- paints or paint thinner;
- socks;
- rags;
- cloth;
- baby wipes;
- kitty litter;
- cooking grease, oils, or fats.

**NEVER:** Introduce the following substances into your sewer system, as doing so is in violation of City, State, and Federal Regulations:

- explosives;
- strong chemicals;
- lubricating oil and/or grease;
- flammable materials;
- gasoline or kerosene.

# IMPORTANT NOTICE - Wipes & Personal Hygiene Products Clog Sewer Lines!


Many household products are labeled and marketed as **DISPOSABLE** and/or **FLUSHABLE**; many baby and adult personal hygiene products, along with household wipes and cleaning towelettes are labeled both disposable and flushable. While these products may be marketed as a convenience item in this way, the truth is that these types of items 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 pipelines that may have greases, roots, or other obstructions already existing**. A repair of the on-site sewer line can leave the home owner or business owner with a **very costly sewer repair**.

On a larger scale, when these products make their way into the public sewer system they collect together, causing very large obstructions and clogs in the main collector lines and get tangled in pump stations requiring repair or replacement of equipment.

## What We All Can Do To Help...

The following items should **NEVER** be flushed into the sewer system:

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| Disinfecting/surface wipes   | Mop or "Swiffer" type refills                   |
| Baby wipes   | Paper towels                                    |
| Jewelry wipes  | Pet care wipes                                  |
| Cosmetic wipes   | First Aid wipes                                 |
| Disposable diapers or diaper liners  | Bio-pads (nursing home, home health care, etc.) |
| Cotton swabs   | Feminine hygiene products                       |
| Toilet cleaning pads   | ANY Moist type towelettes                       |
| <b> ANY CONSUMER ITEM THAT IS NOT TOILET PAPER!</b> |   |



Every home and business has a sewer connection to the public sewer system. This connection runs from the home or business to the sewer main where it is connected to the public sewer system. This on-site sewer line is the responsibility of the home or business owner to keep clear so there are no back-ups of wastewater into the home or business. Save yourself and your Sewer Utility from costly repairs and/or replacement bills. **Do not flush the listed items; place them in the trash, not the toilet.**