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Sanitary Sewer Blockages

With the growing concerns over the COVID-19 virus we understand that everyone has kicked their normal disinfecting and cleaning habits into high gear. We are asking that you refrain from flushing baby wipes, cleaning wipes, paper towels, and even the so called “flushable wipes” down your toilet. These products cause serious issues with the sanitary sewer collection system throughout the city. Once introduced to the system these wipes can easily get snagged on pipe and fittings and have a greater tendency to ball up together. The balled-up wipes become heavier and can no longer pass through the system causing a stoppage. The wipes that do make it through the system also cause problems for our wastewater treatment plant. They become entangled in pipes and pumps used to process the wastewater.

Toilet paper is designed to break down quickly once it gets wet. Cleaning wipes, baby wipes, paper towels, and flushable wipes are designed to hold together while wet so they can be used for cleaning.

Here is a list to remind everyone of things that should NEVER be flushed or put down a drain:

- Cloth rags or towels
- Baby wipes, toilet wipes, towelettes, disinfecting wipes, or cloth wipes of any kind (even if the container indicates that they are 'flushable')
- Paper (other than toilet paper/tissue)
- Medications
- Feminine hygiene products
- Beauty products, Q-tips, dental floss
- Plastics of any kind
- Grease of any kind - especially cooking grease
- Garden supplies (such as pesticides, fertilizers)
- Paint, varnish, paint remover
- Motor oil, gasoline, or any explosive material

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