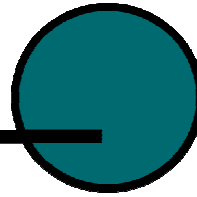




The Sewer Line

News from your Sewer Utility



Wipes Clog Pipes!

Many household cleaning products are labeled and marketed as disposable; many baby hygiene products are labeled both disposable and flushable. And while these products may be marketed as a convenience



item in this way, the truth is that these household wipes and cleaning towelettes 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 don't break down once they are flushed. They can cause blockages in your on-site side sewer, especially older pipelines that may have grease, roots, or other obstructions

already existing. A repair of the side sewer line can leave the homeowner with a nasty repair bill.

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

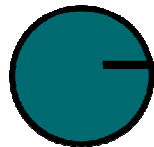
What we all can do to help...

The following items should never be flushed into the sewer system:

- Disinfecting wipes, Baby wipes.
- Q-tips.
- Toilet cleaning pads.
- Mop or "Swiffer" type refills.
- Paper towels.
- Moist towelettes.
- Any consumer item that is not toilet paper.

Every home has a side sewer connection. This connection runs from the home to the street where it is connected to the public sewer system. This side sewer line is the responsibility of the homeowner to keep clear so there are no back-ups of wastewater into the home

Save yourself and your Sewer Utility from costly repairs and/or replacement bills – put wipes, rags, and towels in the trash, not the toilet.



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