

DISPOSABLE WIPES



Flushing disposable wipes, diapers, feminine products and paper towels plug sewer lines.

Cleaning wipes, sanitary wipes, paper towels and feminine products are designed to function when wet. These products don't break down in sewers and consequently can plug sewer service lines and mains.

Avoid sewer backups by throwing these items in the trash. Do not flush them down the toilet.

Left: crews remove disposable wipes from a pump station. The wipes entangled in the pump and could have seized it, resulting in sewer backups for an entire neighborhood.

How to check if a product is flushable.

Many products claim to be disposable. But disposable and flushable mean two different things. Disposable means the product can be thrown in the trash. Flushable means it degrades when in water and is safe to flush down the toilet.

If you are unsure if it is flushable, check. Here is how:

- Place a clean (unsued) sheet of the product in a bowl of water.
- Wait approximately 1 minute.
- If the product breaks down or disintegrates, it is flushable.
- If it does not, it can plug your sewer line. Throw it in the trash.

Ultimately it is best to throw these items in the trash to avoid any issues. Although some are flushable, mixed with sewer and grease can cause a slower breakdown, increasing the chances of clogging