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Flushing warning announced

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, there is an increased use of “flushable” wipes and flushing of non-flushable materials such as baby wipes, disinfecting wipes, napkins and paper towels. While the “flushable” wipes concern is not new to wastewater facilities, residents are being asked to pay extra attention to what is being flushed with the reminder to not flush anything other than toilet paper. Wipes, paper towels and other paper products do not break down like toilet paper and will clog systems very quickly. Overwhelming the treatment plant in this manner could cause consumers to face in-home plumbing backups and blockages.

The COVID-19 outbreak concern has created additional stress and uncertainty for everyone, and supply shortages exacerbate these stresses and challenges, it is important to keep in mind that flushing anything other than toilet paper can create expensive and unsanitary problems for homeowners and businesses. Flushing wipes (even those labeled “flushable”) and other non-toilet paper materials causes clogs, backups, equipment and pipe breakages, and in bad cases, can even force raw sewage back into homes. The cost to repair these damages is unfortunately borne by individual homeowners or the public.

As a reminder, the following products are NOT flushable and should be disposed of in a waste basket:

- Paper towels
- Napkins
- Kleenex and other tissues
- Wet wipes/baby wipes (even those labeled as “flushable” wipes)
- Diapers
- Feminine hygiene products
- Gauze/Band-Aids