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What NOT to flush

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Many of you are concerned with COVID-19 as seen by the mass purchases in our local stores. The unprecedented run on toilet paper and other paper products has us concerned that products other than toilet paper may be flushed down the toilet.

Sanitary Sewer systems are designed around items that are considered flushable ie., items that degrade or disintegrate in water. Toilet paper is one of those items. However, as we have all seen, toilet paper in the stores are gone as are paper towels, napkins and baby wipes and other types of wipes. Unfortunately, many of these items do not degrade/disintegrate in water and therefore are not meant to be flushed down a toilet. As personal hygiene is a huge concern right now, we would like to remind our customers and residents that only flushable items should be flushed down the toilets.

Items such as paper towels, napkins, many of the disinfection wipes as well as feminine hygiene products should not be flushed but instead placed into trash containers and disposed of properly. Flushing any of the above listed items can cause backups and other problems in the piping that carries wastes to be treated. These backups can be in the mains or service lines. Plus, at the treatment plants those items can clog the bar screens or damage pumps to the treatment facilities.

With the concerns over the coronavirus and the actions being asked to minimize the spread of the disease such as closing offices and reducing staff levels, the increase in backups and increased maintenance at the plants will mean less service can be provided. Therefore, we are asking all to please only place items that degrade in water or are rated as "flushable" in the toilets to be flushed. All other items should be placed in the trash and disposed of properly.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION AND COOPERATION.