

## No Wipes Down the Pipes

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Even if a product says it is “flushable”...  
Unless it is toilet paper, it should **NOT** be flushed!

- Diapers (including cloth, cotton, disposable, or plastic)
- Flushable, disposable, cleaning, or baby wipes
- Paper towels, cloth towels, or any type of rag
- Feminine hygiene products
- Facial Tissues, Q-tips, or dental floss



“Out of sight and out of mind,” was the thought that many of us grew up with and it continues today. This concept has probably led to many issues, but now a costly problem for *All* of us. The wipes are choking our sanitary sewer system, the pumps, screens, manholes, low points or any other area where the flow is restricted. The problem seems to be getting worse.

The disposable wipes can be grouped together from sources like baby wipes, kitchen and bathroom cleaning wipes, paper towels, facial tissues, diaper liners, etc. Products like diapers, feminine hygiene products, floor cleaning wipes and assorted hand towels all add to the list. These are not meant to be flushed. The **only** paper product meant to be flushed is old fashioned toilet paper, no matter what the manufacturer puts on the label.

Just because a product label reads, flushable, doesn't mean it *should* be flushed. Currently a product can say flushable, if it's placed in the toilet, the lever is pushed and the wipe goes down out of sight and mind.

**Flushable does not mean that it is biodegradable or can break down into tiny particles...To avoid problems just remember “No Wipes Down the Pipes”**

**Thank you!**

**Salem Utility District**