

Flushable Wipes— Clogging Up our Sanitary Sewer System

The Chesterfield Township DPW advises against using flushable wipes in the sanitary sewer system. While these wipes can improve quality of life, they do considerable damage to the sanitary sewer system, causing blockages and plugs within the system. If flushable wipes need to be used, it is recommended they be discarded in the garbage, not down the drain.



Wipes and other items also cause problems in the pipes inside your home. Clogged pipes can lead to overflowing toilets, basement sewer backups and the need to clean out the main drain. When this happens, a plumber is needed to clear the blockage. To help avoid these problems and expenses, only flush human waste and toilet paper.

The desire for greater convenience in our lives has made nonwoven wipes a multi-billion dollar industry. Wipes are available for just about any bathroom cleaning task - wiping, removing makeup, washing the counter or cleaning the floor. The industry continues to grow and so do the problems in our sewer system as more wipes are flushed down the toilet.



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