

Water and Sewer Department Service Announcement

A note from the Salem Public Works Department

Don't be fooled. Flushable items are not flushable!

With the limited availability of toilet tissue, we understand that citizens may have to turn to alternative types of wipes. Sewer systems are negatively impacted by these alternatives being flushed down the toilet.

Please do NOT flush wipes of ANY kind down the toilet. **The only flushable item is toilet paper.** Please dispose of wipes, paper towels, tissues, napkins and the like in the trash.

Many products these days are marketed as flushable. From disposable toilet bowl cleaners to wipes that clean your "bum". The City of Salem Water and Sewer Department want you to know that these items **CAN'T** be flushed. Some of these items claim they dissolve enough to make it down your toilet but, they re-form once they enter the sewer and can cause sewer back up and damage pumping equipment.

The City of Salem has compiled a list of the items that do not dissolve in the sewer and can cause sewer backups in your home or neighborhood. Please remember, your toilet is not a trash can.

DO NOT FLUSH LIST.

- diapers
- paper towels
- facial tissue
- cotton swabs
- baby wipes
- adult wipes
- medicated hygiene wipes
- hair
- gum wrappers
- candy wrappers
- facial pads
- dental floss
- floss picks
- cigarettes
- cotton balls
- scoops of kitty litter
- women's hygiene products
- all purpose cleaning wipes
- disposable toilet wand pads
- adhesive bandages
- condoms
- makeup remover wipes
- shower body wipes

Thank you for your cooperation! Salem Public Works Dept.