



## Don't Ever Flush These Items

- Disposable diapers, baby wipes and nursing pads
- Facial wipes Dental Floss and teeth whitening strips
- Paper Towels
- Cotton Balls and swabs
- Band-aids and bandage wrappers
- Syringes or Needles
- Gum
- Feminine Products
- Condoms
- Paper towels, rags
- Disinfectant wipes, dusting pads/cleaning wipes of any kind
- Kitty litter/pet waste
- Bags or wrappers
- Hair, hair ties and rubber bands
- Paint, solvents, nail polish, polish remover
- Flammable or other toxic chemicals
- Prescription or over-the-counter medications
- Toilet bowl scrub pads
- Small animals; fish, snakes, hamsters, mice, etc.

## About Us:

Wyoming Association of Rural Water Systems (WARWS) is a member driven, non-profit Association, affiliated with National Rural Water Association (NRWA). WARWS, NRWA and its state affiliates comprise the largest utility membership organization in the nation representing nearly 31,000 small and rural water and wastewater systems that serve over 1/3 of all Americans.

## Our Mission

*"To provide the assistance necessary to meet the needs of our membership and to ensure the protection of Wyoming's water - our most precious resource."*

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*Help Wipe Out  
Costly and Messy  
Sewer Problems*



## The Problem:

Wipes, rags, paper towels, and materials are being flushed into the sewer system, causing serious problems for equipment and maintenance crews throughout Wyoming, our Nation and around the World.

## The Solution:

Flush only toilet paper and human waste—nothing else! If you use wipes, **trash them do not flush them!!!**



## Disposable Wipes and Paper Products:

Disposable disinfectant wipes, baby wipes, and even so-called “flushable” wipes cause serious problems for the sewer system, as they do not break down easily (or at all) once they are flushed. Paper products other than toilet paper (e.g., paper towels) also do not break down once in the sewer line. No matter what the label says, don’t flush them, trash them instead.

## Increased Maintenance and Costs:

When items like these are flushed, our sewer pipes and pump stations require increased monitoring, maintenance, and repair. This results in higher operational costs, which are paid for by your sewer rates.

## A Potent Combination:

When wipes and other materials interact with food grease or invasive roots in the sewer, they bind together, causing blockages and creating the potential for overflows. Sewer backups can be both messy and costly to clean up.

## A Threat to Your Pipes and Pocketbook:

If wipes and other materials can clog our large sewer pipes, they can definitely clog your home’s much smaller pipes, requiring you to pay a plumber to clear the blockage.

## Help Spread the Word:

At home, tell your family members to flush only toilet paper, nothing else. At work, you can help by posting notices in bathrooms and other places where paper towels, wipes, or rags might be used or disposed of.

