



Wipes Clog Pipes

Flushable vs. Dispersible:



Just because something is labeled “flushable” doesn't mean that it is also dispersible. Toilet paper, a flushable product, will break down and pass through the sewer system... “flushable wipes” will NOT!

Consumers are led to believe some products are safe to flush due to erroneous product labeling.



The Problem:

Nondispersible wipes accumulate in the sewerlines and private laterals, causing blockages that are costly for both homeowners and municipalities.

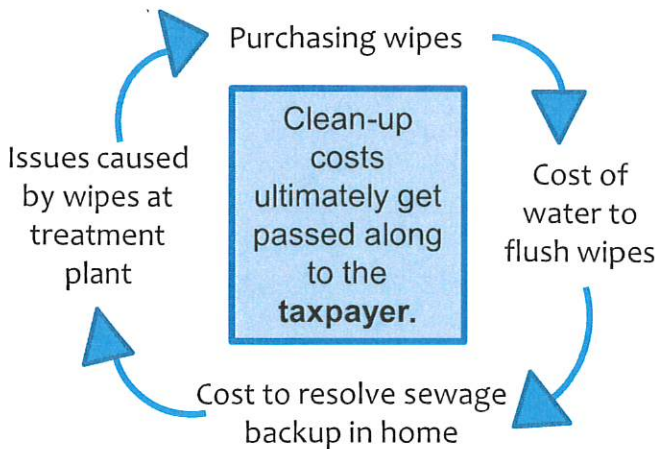


Orange County, CA, Sanitation District, in a single year recorded 971 “de-ragging” maintenance calls on 10 pump stations at a cost of \$320,000.

The Solution:

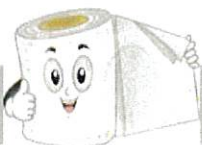
YOU are the solution. Bring complaints about poor labeling of products to the attention of the manufacturers...

Educate your friends and family about what can and cannot be flushed.



Only the three P's should be flushed down the toilet:

Pee, Poop, and (Toilet) Paper!



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Please **do not** Flush

Even though a product may be small enough to be flushed, does not mean it should be. Flushing items that are not meant to be flushed, including those labeled *flushable*, can lead to problems in the sewer system, at the wastewater treatment facility, and for the environment.



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