

NO Wipes in the Pipes!

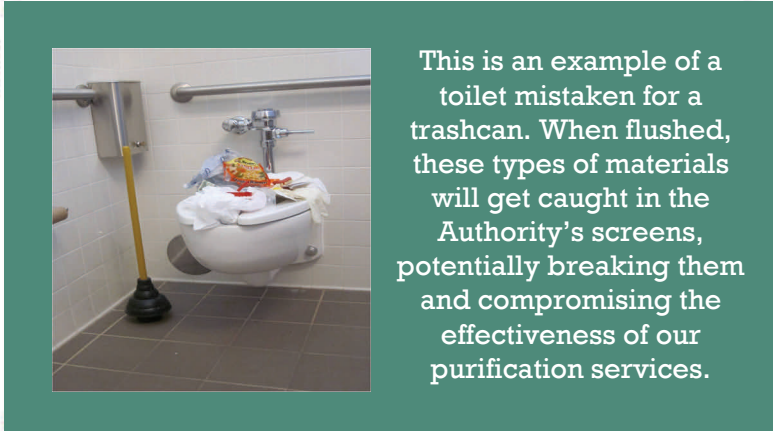
Your toilet is not a trashcan

The label might say “flushable”, but what the label doesn’t tell you is that disposable wipes continue to clog our sewer lines and damage pumps and other equipment. Not only are these problems expensive to fix, they can also cause raw sewage overflows into homes, businesses and local waterways. It’s a very costly problem for both the customer and HRRSA.

FACT: These products **do not** dissolve. Many household cleaning products are labeled and marketed as “disposable” or “safe for sewers and septic systems”, but the truth is, they’re not. Many things are “flushable” (a sweatshirt, for example), but that doesn’t mean they should be flushed down the toilet. Throw them in the trash where they belong!

Toilets, sewer pipes, and wastewater treatment facilities were originally designed to transport and handle toilet paper and human waste only. The following items should **never** be flushed down the toilet:

- Disinfecting/cleaning wipes
- Paper towels
- Rags, towels, washcloths
- Towelettes
- Kitty litter
- Needles, syringes and other medical waste
- Baby wipes
- Toilet seat covers
- Diapers
- Feminine hygiene products
- Dental floss
- Mop/cleaning brush refills



This is an example of a toilet mistaken for a trashcan. When flushed, these types of materials will get caught in the Authority’s screens, potentially breaking them and compromising the effectiveness of our purification services.

Which of these items have been found caught in the Authority’s Screens? Circle all that apply.

1. Dentures



2. Piranha



3. Ramen Wrappers



4. Diamond Ring



5. Money



6. Basketball



Answer: All have been found

How many words can you find in the following?
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In May 2009, Consumer Reports conducted a test measuring the time needed for different types of toilet wipes to disintegrate in the swirling water of sewer pipes. The experiment showed that all of the leading brands of “flushable” wipes were still intact after thirty minutes of vigorous stirring as compared to toilet tissue which easily dissolved in under 8 seconds. So, to avoid taxing your toilet or your septic system, we recommend that you bag the wipes after use and toss them into the trash. If you have an infant at home, put the wipes in the diaper pail/receptacle.

