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# WIPES STOP PIPES



**NO WIPES ARE FLUSHABLE.**

Even so-called 'flushable' wipes cause sewer blockages!



Cleaning wipes, toilet so-called 'flushable wipes', pads and tampons, and adult and child nappies – they are all part of life and make caring and cleaning for others easy and hygienic.

However, they are creating huge problems in modern sewer systems. Wipes don't break down once they are swept down the toilet bowl and, unlike toilet paper, do not disintegrate in water. They stay intact as they travel through sewer pipes and get caught on roots or other debris, causing blockages in sewer pipes and costly damage to pumps. This can also lead to sewer overflows – which impacts on our environment. Clogged sewer lines are ugly and expensive to fix.



Please ensure you throw away any cleaning/disinfecting wipes, moist towelettes, personal hygiene products, baby wipes and any other type of wipe you may use in the garbage, never in your toilet.

Binning disposable wipes is such an easy way to protect our sewer system, our environment and prevent unnecessary trouble.

**Remember the 3 Ps rule - the only things that are OK to flush are pee, poo and toilet paper.**