

# Wipes CLOG Pipes

Don't you dare flush anything but toilet paper down the toilet. Don't believe the labels. All wipes can clog pipes. Because wipes never break down, they just cause clogs that can overwhelm the sewer system.

Our community scores points in the winners column every time you make sure that nothing goes into the toilet except, pee, poo and toilet paper.

Thanks for helping our community! When you put wipes in the trash where they belong, you help avoid clogged pipes and costly repairs.

*For more information about how you can help, visit [defendyourdrainsnorthtexas.com](http://defendyourdrainsnorthtexas.com).*

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the only paper  
product to flush**



# No Wipes in the Pipes

## Don't flush wipes

Wipes should never be flushed down the toilet. Toilet paper is the only paper product designed to break down in the sewer system. Only flush the 3 P's, pee, poo and toilet paper. Dispose of wipes in the trash.

## Wipes cause clogs

When flushed, wipes can overwhelm sewer systems, causing blockages and clogs which can lead to sewer backups, costly repairs and they can contribute to sanitary sewer overflows.

## Wipes don't break down

Wipes are created using materials such as polyester, rayon, cotton or polypropylene and are intended to be strong so they do not break down when wet. If they don't break down when wet in your hand while in use, they won't break down in the sewer system.

## Protect our environment

SSOs occur when a sewer line is blocked and untreated sewage is released into the environment. This can lead to pollution entering our waterways and creating water-quality issues.

## We need your help to protect our pipes

If toilet paper isn't handy or is in short supply, you may think of substituting disposable wipes, paper towels or facial tissue. If you use these products, do not flush them down the toilet. Put them in the trash. Toilet paper is the only paper product that should be flushed down the toilet.

Disposable wipes are not designed to break down, even those labeled flushable. Wipes and other materials will clog pipes. Flushing anything other than toilet paper can cause sewer problems at your home, at wastewater treatment facilities, and it may contribute to sanitary sewer overflows.

Properly disposing of wipes protects your pipes at home and the pipes at the wastewater treatment facility.

