

Protect Your Health, Your Home, Our Lake!



Wipes Clog Pipes

The North Tahoe Public Utility District regularly has sewer pumps in our lakeside pump stations clogged by “flushable” wipes. “Flushable” is a catchy phrase and companies use it to market their products. The challenge is that wipes can’t breakdown and more and more of our sewer lines and pumps are being clogged with these wipes. Please help us keep sewage in pipes and out of our environment by not throwing any type of wipe down the toilet.

USE THE TRASH CAN, NOT THE TOILET

The ONLY things that should be flushed are toilet paper and human waste.

All the rest are sewer-stoppers. The most common sewer-stopper in our sewer system are “flushable” wipes. WHY? Wipes don’t disintegrate. Hard to believe? Try pulling and tearing at one--better yet, soak one in a cup of water for a day. What you’ll find is they don’t breakdown. Imagine what happens in your pipes, our sewer mains and sewer pumps.

We **urge you NOT to throw wipes down the toilet.** They can clog the connection to the sewer line causing backups resulting in expensive repairs for the homeowners and/or cause back-ups that spill sewage into our fragile mountain environment.

Common items flushed down the toilet that you DON’T want to put down your toilet:

- ➔ “Flushable” Wipes
- ➔ Facial tissue (many people think this is the same as toilet paper—it’s not!)
- ➔ Paper Towels
- ➔ Cotton swabs and cotton balls



Please Help! For more information, contact the NTPUD at 530.546.4212 or www.ntpud.org