

## A PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SECAUCUS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES AUTHORITY

A major cause of sewer back-ups are wipes that have been flushed down the toilet.

While some of these wipes are advertised as “FLUSHABLE”, they do not break down in the sewer system like toilet paper and cause back-ups. Additionally, these products cause operational problems at the pumping stations and the wastewater treatment facility.

### Wipes Clogs Pipes

**Don't flush those wipes!**



Many household cleaning products and adult and baby hygiene products are labeled and marketed as disposable and flushable. While these products are marketed this way, the truth is these household wipes and cleaning towelettes can clog the sewer line on your property and cause blockage and service problems in the public sewer system and pump stations.

Unlike toilet paper, these products don't break down once they are flushed. They can cause blockages in your on-site side sewer, especially older pipelines that may have grease, roots, or other obstructions already existing. This side sewer is the responsibility of the homeowner, so repair of your homes side sewer line can be expensive and inconvenient for you.

Put the following items in the trash, not the toilet.

- **Cleaning and disinfecting wipes**
- **Adult and baby hygiene wipes**
- **Disposable diapers**
- **Paper towels**
- **Q-tips**
- **Toilet cleaning pads**
- **Mop or “Swiffer” type refills**
- **Paper towels**
- **Moist towelettes**
- **Any consumer item that is not toilet paper**