Protecting PUBLIC HEALTH and the ENVIRONMENT

It's a **Toilet,** Not a Trashcan!



You Plug It, You Pay For It!



If It Doesn't Come Off A Roll, It Doesn't Go In The Bowl.

Toilets are meant for one activity – only to flush pee, poop & toilet paper to a wastewater treatment plant.

When the wrong items are flushed, costly results can include backups at your location or bigger problems at one of AWWU's three Wastewater Treatment Plants.

Sewer Overflows Are a Mess

Do Not Flush Wipes!

Baby wipes, sanitary wipes, household cleaning wipes, paper towels, and other garbage flushed down toilets create sewer backups and overflows.

Disposable Does Not Mean Flushable!

Even when a package states "flushable" or "sewer safe," these items clog and damage AWWU's sewage system. If they don't cause a backup at your home or business, they will cause backups both in public sewer lines and wastewater treatment plants. These are additional maintenance costs the Utility must ultimately pass onto the ratepayer.

Property owners are responsible for their property's sewer lines, and improper flushing can cost you money. Even if its label reads "flushable," it is still a safer bet and more environmentally correct, to put the item in a trashcan.

Throw all wipes in the trash, including baby wipes, sanitary wipes, household cleaning wipes and so-called "flushable" wipes.

Flushing Wipes:

- Costs residents money for emergency repairs
- Creates potential health hazards
- Is an Anchorage Municipal Code violation that can result in a fine up to \$1,000

Do Not Flush:

- Baby wipes / Sanitary Wipes
- Household Cleaning Wipes
- Shop Rags
- Paper Towels
- "Flushable" or "Sewer Safe" Wipes



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