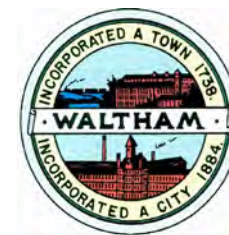
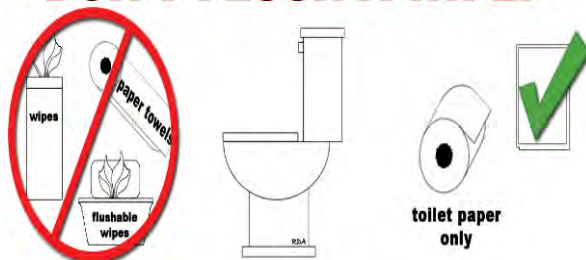




**IGNORE THE HYPE:  
DON'T FLUSH A WIPE!**



## Flushable Wipes Are Not Flushable

**Flushable Wipes Can Clog  
Your Toilet**



### Don't Flush Wipes

Flushed wipes cause  
sewer backups and  
increase maintenance  
costs

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**FLUSH ONLY HUMAN WASTE AND TOILET PAPER.** Flushable Wipes are not flushable. In a recent study, 101 single-use wipes were tested, and not one of them passed a flushability test. Instead, the wipes failed to fall apart or disintegrate safely. 23 of those wipes tested were labeled “flushable” by the manufacturer. What this means is that cleansing wipes, diaper wipes and other types of single-use wipes, while convenient, should not be flushed. Despite the “flushable” labels, these products should never be flushed because they will clog your toilet and the sewer system. The products do not breakdown and disperse in the sewer system which causes a risk of clogging your plumbing or causing damage to sewer infrastructure. The only things that should ever be flushed in a toilet are human waste and toilet paper. Single use wipes should be thrown in the trash. These everyday items can cause messy and expensive problems for the plumbing in your home or building. Just because it *can* be flushed, doesn’t mean you *should* flush it!



“Disposable” is not the same as “Flushable”. Only Human Waste and Toilet Paper are Flushable.

Blocked sewer lines can result in:

- Raw Sewage overflows into private homes and businesses
- Expensive and extensive cleanups that often are the burden of the property or home owner to pay for
- Raw Sewage overflows into public areas such as city streets, parks and waterways
- Potential contact with disease carrying pathogens
- Higher operations and maintenance costs for the city’s water – sewer department which can then drive up the cost of customers’ utility bills.



### WHAT NOT TO FLUSH:

Adult Wipes

Diaper Wipes

Paper Towels

Cleansing Wipes

Facial Tissues

Single Use Wipes