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### **\*\*\* IMPORTANT SEWER NOTICE \*\*\***

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#### **Re: Disposable wipes**

Dear Township Sewer User:

Disposable wipes have become a major problem with clogging up our sewer system. Many products are labeled that they are **DISPOSABLE/FLUSHABLE** and will break down, but these items have the ability to clog and stop service in the sewer system and pump stations. Convenience related items are making our life easier, unfortunately, some products that we use are detrimental to wastewater operations, therefore we ask that you **DO NOT** flush these wipes, please dispose of them in your regular trash.

Unlike toilet paper, these items ***DO NOT*** break down as quickly once they are flushed. When these items make their way into the sewer system they collect together to make a rope like material that then jams the pumps and forces them to automatically shut down, like a circuit breaker, so that they do not burn up. There are only two pumps at the station, if the second pump also clogs and shuts down then there is no sewer service to the town. The Public Works Dept. is then dispatched to clear the clogs and restore service.



*(Picture of wipes that clogged the pumps)*

Flushing these wipes can interrupt service, cause damage to the sewer system and accrues overtime each time an employee is dispatched. Please help us expand the life of the sewer system and keep operating/maintenance cost down by disposing of these flushable wipes in the regular trash.

Please share this information with all members of your household.

Thank you for your understanding,

*Continue on other side.....*

# THINK BEFORE YOU FLUSH

*Sewer pump stations are designed to handle water, human waste and tissue paper only.*



Examples of what should not be flushed down toilets or poured down drains are as follows:

- Cloth rags or towels
- Baby wipes, Toilet wipes, Towelettes, Disinfecting wipes, or cloth wipes of any kind (even if the container indicates that they are “flushable”)
- Paper (other than toilet paper/tissue)
- Medications (Prescription, or over-the-counter)
- Feminine hygiene products of any kind
- Beauty products, Q-Tips, dental floss
- Plastics of any kind
- Grease of any kind – especially cooking grease
- Garden supplies (such as pesticides, fertilizers)
- Paint, varnish, paint remover
- Motor oil, gasoline, or any explosive material

All of the above items mentioned should be thrown out with the trash or disposed of properly.

Remember... only water, human waste and tissue paper should be flushed down toilets