

A reminder to be careful what you flush

Wet wipes, paper towels and facial tissues can clog pipes

We recognize that many residents may be increasing their use of disinfectant wipes, paper towels and facial tissues in response to COVID-19.

We would like to remind residents not to flush wet wipes of any kind. Despite what some packaging says, wipes are not flushable. Paper towels and facial tissues also do not belong in the toilet. These items cannot be flushed because they do not break down like toilet paper does.

If wipes, paper towels and facial tissues are flushed, they can cause blockages in pipes – which may lead to sewage overflows in your home or business.

Further down the line, these items can clog sewers and cause sewage overflows into streets and the natural environment. They can also cause costly damage to local wastewater infrastructure.

The only things that should be flushed are the 3Ps: Pee, Poo & (toilet) Paper. No exceptions. Please put used wipes, facial tissues and paper towels in the garbage or in organics.

Thank you for working with us to keep our community's pipes and sewers clear and our wastewater infrastructure functioning smoothly.

A message from the Township of Madawaska Valley in partnership with our wastewater operator, the Ontario Clean Water Agency