



PINEBROOK SEWER SYSTEM

Currently, the Pinebrook Sewer System requires pumps to be manually unclogged one to two times a week due to blockages caused by bathroom wipes in our sewer system. These products badly damage pumps and other equipment and can result in spills of raw sewage to the ground and our waterways. This leads to expensive repairs funded by you, the rate payers.

DO NOT FLUSH

**BABY WIPES - DISINFECTING WIPES - ANY TYPE OF WIPES
DOWN THE TOILET**

Below are 8 basic household items that, when flushed down the drain, can be very problematic in a public sewer system:

1. BABY WIPES - DISINFECTING WIPES - ANY TYPE OF WIPES – **NEVER FLUSH WIPES**

Even if the package says they are flushable, they are not. Frequently, baby wipes are the cause of significant clogs and backups in sewer systems. They should always be thrown in the wastebasket.

2. Q-TIPS, COTTON PADS OR OTHER COTTON PRODUCTS

3. MENSTRUAL PRODUCTS

4. DIAPERS

5. PAPER TOWELS & TISSUES

6. CIGARETTE BUTTS

7. HAIR

8. COOKING GREASE

Sewer backups have the potential to be harmful to the environment.

Please help support a functioning system by doing your part.

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"Flushable" wipes that are often sold alongside regular toilet paper are not really flushable.



The so-called *flushable* wipes are very hard on the wastewater treatment plant because they get caught up in the processing equipment, which the plant staff have to spend a significant amount of time pulling those wipes out of pumps and equipment. The wipes are labeled as 'flushable' however they are not and should not be flushed down the toilet.

These so-called *flushable* wipes do not break down as they travel through the sewer system, resulting in clogs and blockages, put workers at risk, and cause environmental harm.

