



## **VILLAGE OF OXFORD**

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### **IMPORTANT NOTICE: Wipes & Personal Hygiene Products Clog Sewer Lines!**

Many household products are labeled and marketed as **DISPOSABLE** and/or **FLUSHABLE**; many baby and adult personal hygiene products, along with household wipes and cleaning towelettes are labeled both disposable and flushable. While these products may be marketed as a convenience item in this way, the truth is that these types of items have the ability to clog and stop up not only the sewer line on your property, but also can cause blockage and service problems in the public sewer system and pump stations.

Unlike toilet paper, these products **DO NOT** break down once they are flushed. They can cause blockages in your on-site sewer, **especially older pipelines that may have greases, roots, or other obstructions already existing**. A repair of the on-site sewer line can leave the home owner or business owner with a **very costly sewer repair**.

On a larger scale, when these products make their way into the public sewer system they collect together, causing very large obstructions and clogs in the main collector lines and get tangled in pump stations requiring repair or replacement of equipment.

### **What We All Can Do To Help...**

The following items should **NEVER** be flushed into the sewer system:

Disinfecting/surface wipes	Mop or "Swiffer" type refills
Baby wipes	Paper towels
Jewelry wipes	Pet care wipes
Cosmetic wipes	First Aid wipes
Disposable diapers or diaper liners	Bio-pads (nursing home, home health care, etc.)
Cotton swabs	Feminine hygiene products
Toilet cleaning pads	ANY Moist type towelettes

### **ANY CONSUMER ITEM THAT IS NOT TOILET PAPER!**

Most homes and businesses have a sewer connection to the public sewer system. This connection runs from the home or business to the sewer main where it is connected to the public sewer system. This on-site sewer line is the responsibility of the home or business owner to keep clear so there are no back-ups of wastewater into the home or business. Save yourself and your Sewer Utility from costly repairs and/or replacement bills. **Do not flush the listed items; place them in the trash, not the toilet.**

## **STORM WATER AND SANITARY SEWER LATERALS**

It is a **violation** of Village Ordinance to utilize a sump pump or any other type of draining system to remove clear water from flooded basements due to spring thaw, heavy rains, ground seepage, etc. into the sewer system. Sump pumps should **NEVER** be discharged into your sewer lateral. Violators will incur the cost of televising and/or fined.

An excerpt of Sec. 9-1-8(c)(3) states the following:

Sec. 9-1-8(c)(3) No user shall discharge or cause to be discharged any of the following described liquids or solid wastes to any sanitary sewer:

- a. Any storm water, surface water, ground water, roof run-off or surface drainage.