

Wipes clog pipes—use the trash, not the toilet!

Many household cleaning products are labeled and marketed as “disposable” but should not be flushed down the toilet. Items include:

- disinfecting wipes
- baby wipes
- mop refills
- paper towels
- towelettes



These products don't dissolve. They clog pipes and cause expensive and time consuming repairs for homeowners. These products also clog public sewer pipes and pump station equipment and can lead to sewer backups. Save yourself and the City from a pain in the drain—put wipes, rags and towels in the trash, not the toilet!

Did you know?

According to a Seattle Times report, consumers in North America bought around 83,000 tons of disposable wipes in 2004. That's about 9000 18-wheel semi-trailers full; about 30% of these were meant for home cleaning. In addition the wipes market has grown by about 3% each year.