What about products labeled as FLUSHABLE?

Companies that make wipes may claim their product is flushable, but there is currently no general agreement on what is “flushable.” Wipes frequently stay durable through the plumbing system. They can get snagged on globs of fats, oils, and grease, forming “Fatbergs” that clog the sewer and lead to overflows and basement backups. Only flush products that break down in water within seconds, like toilet paper.

FLUSHABLE DOES NOT MEAN BIODEGRADABLE

THINK BEFORE YOU FLUSH

Items which contribute to clogs are:

- Cotton swabs & hair
- Bandages & medications
- Baby & cleaning wipes
- Adult & baby diapers
- Dental floss & whitening strips
- Tampons/condoms & personal hygiene products
- Kitty litter & other pet waste
- Dryer sheets
- Bandages & medications

ADDITIONAL NO FLUSH ITEMS:

- Cigarette Butts
- Facial tissue, cotton balls
- Toilet scrub pads
- Napkins (paper or cloth)
- Paper towels
- Food and kitchen waste
- Fats, oils, greases
- Household chemicals
- Plastic of any kind
- Vitamins, medicines, or other pharmaceuticals

Wipes can cause breakdown of pumps in pump stations

Wipes can combine with fats and grease in the pipe to form “Fatbergs” and are the primary causes of overflows from the manholes