



VALPARAISO CITY UTILITIES WATER RECLAMATION DEPARTMENT

IMPORTANT NOTICE – WIPES CLOG PIPES AND PUMPS!

All sewage collected by the various pump stations throughout the city is eventually sent to the Valparaiso Wastewater Treatment Plant. The pumps within these pump stations can suffer severe clogging due to heavy amount of non-biodegradable products that are being flushed into the sanitary sewer by homeowners. This can result in many hours of unnecessary maintenance service and costly repairs.

Unlike toilet paper, these products do not break down once they are flushed. They can cause blockages in your on-site sewer. A repair of the on-site sewer line can leave the homeowner with a hefty repair bill.

On a larger scale, when these products make their way into the public sewer system they collect together and cause 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 should never be flushed into the sewer system:

- Disinfecting wipes, Baby wipes.
- Q-tips.
- Toilet cleaning pads.
- Mop or "Swiffer" type refills.
- Paper towels.
- Disposable diapers.
- Feminine hygiene products.
- Moist towelettes.
- Any consumer item that is not toilet paper.

Save yourself and the Utilities from costly repairs and/or replacement bills. Do not flush the listed items; place them in the trash, not the toilet.

Thank you,

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