



MEDIA ALERT

GREAT LAKES WATER AUTHORITY REMINDS PUBLIC TO AVOID FLUSHING PRODUCTS DOWN THE TOILET AS INCREASED AMOUNT OF PEOPLE STAY HOME

The Authority advises against flushing anything besides the "3Ps" down the toilet

DETROIT – As more people are staying home and stocking up on household products, the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA) is reminding everyone to be mindful of what they flush down the toilet and advising that "flushable" wipes are not biodegradable and can create sewer blockages that lead to backups and overflows.

GLWA's rule-of-thumb for sewer safety is to stick to the "3Ps" – Pee, Poo and (toilet) Paper – and never flushing personal hygiene or disinfectant "flushable" wipes down the toilet. For an understanding of the negative impact "flushable" wipes have on the wastewater system, the environment and water bills, check out GLWA's video, [Flushable Wipes' Effects On Our Sewer System](#). You can also view tips from GLWA's informational [3Ps flyer](#) below.

Never flush:

- Baby wipes or cleaning wipes
- Tampons and sanitary products
- Condoms
- Tissues
- Paper towels
- Dental floss
- Cotton balls and swabs
- Cat litter
- Prescription drugs
- Over-the-counter medicines
- Cigarette butts

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