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City of Seguin Reminds Residents: Wipes Clog Pipes – Do Not Flush

SEGUIN, Texas – The Seguin Wastewater Utilities Department would like to remind residents that wipes – in addition to many other things - clog pipes. In light of events surrounding COVID-19, the use of cleaning products has dramatically increased and the shortage of toilet paper has some residents flushing more than they should down their pipes.

The City of Seguin has a network of sanitary sewer lines, manholes, pumping stations and other infrastructure used to collect wastewater and transport it to a wastewater treatment plant. Wipes, cleaning cloths, rags, paper towels, and any type of cloth material or personal care items may not break down in the sanitary sewer system. Flushing these items can cause major problems and potentially contribute to costly repairs for, not only the City, but also homeowners. Flushing these items may cause a toilet to back up in the home or increase the chance of a sanitary sewer overflow in the City infrastructure.

According to Seguin's Director of Water/Wastewater Utilities, Tim Howe, these products may be labeled as flushable, however, they may not disintegrate as toilet paper will when flushed into the sanitary sewer collection system. Products, other than toilet paper, may clump together with grease and tree roots potentially creating obstructions which clog sewer pipes and damage equipment.

Defend your drains by disposing of these products in the trash where they belong before they cause unpleasant and expensive problems.

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