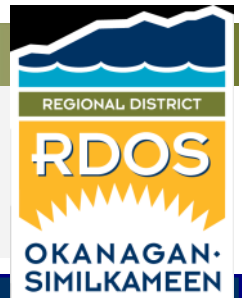


# Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen Okanagan Falls Wastewater Collection System

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## Keeping the Community Informed

### Wastewater Collection System—Non Flushable Items Causing Blockages

We have noticed that in this section of the Okanagan Falls sewer service area, “non flushable wipes” are entering the lift station on eastside road causing blockages. This results in additional costs for operator call outs, equipment can be damaged, the sewer can be backed up, and a more serious blockage could result in a lake spill, all of which are avoidable expenses.

Residents are reminded not to flush anything in the toilet except toilet paper. Toilet paper is designed to breakdown and is the **only thing** that fully dissolves.

Baby wipes and disinfectant wipes are marketed as flushable, but they are often the root cause of sewer blockages. **They are not flushable!**

Please help us to manage the system wisely and cost effectively by only disposing toilet paper into your toilet and everything else into your curbside garbage and recycling program.

If you have any questions please give me a call at 250-486-4445. Thank you for your cooperation.

*Rina Seppen, Utilities Foreman, Wastewater*

### What Should You Flush?

#### Do Flush:



Toilet Paper

#### Do NOT Flush:

These items can clog pipes and septic systems.  
Please dispose of them in the trash.



Napkins



Diapers



Rubber Gloves



Wipes



Paper Towels



Plastics



Feminine Products



Cotton Swabs



Syringes

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