

# NO WIPES IN THE PIPES

 Only toilet paper down the toilet

**THE PROBLEM:** Wipes, rags, paper towels, and materials are being flushed into the sewer system, causing serious problems for RMCS D's equipment and maintenance crews.

**THE SOLUTION:** Flush only toilet paper and human waste—nothing else! If you use wipes, **trash 'em, don't flush 'em!**

**Disposable Wipes and Paper Products:** Disposable disinfectant wipes, baby wipes, and even so-called "flushable" wipes cause serious problems for the sewer system, as they do not break down easily (or at all) once they are flushed. Paper products other than toilet paper (e.g., paper towels) also do not break down once in the sewer line. No matter what the label says, don't flush them, trash them instead.

**Increased Maintenance and Costs:** When items like these are flushed, our sewer pipes and pump stations require increased monitoring, maintenance, and repair. This results in higher operational costs, which are paid for by your sewer rates.

**A Potent Combination:** When wipes and other materials interact with food grease or invasive roots in the sewer, they bind together, causing blockages and creating the potential for overflows. Sewer backups can be both messy and costly to clean up.