COVID-19 - Caution Using Disinfecting & Sanitizing Wipes

COVID-19 Update
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During the current COVID-19 pandemic the use of disinfecting and sanitizing wipes has greatly increased. *Contrary to product label information which say “wipes are flushable”, they will cause problems with sewer and septic systems.*

Wipes in sewer systems *cause clogs in pumping systems and sewer mains leading to expensive repairs and possible sewage backup* into homes and businesses.

Wipes in septic systems do not biodegrade and will cause clogs in sewer piping and septic tank inlet and outlet baffles; resulting in plumber and septic tank cleaner service calls.

Used wipes should be placed in a covered trash receptacle and not flushed down a toilet.

Current and reliable details on COVID-19 can be found on the Town’s Health Districts’ website at [www.pshd.org](http://www.pshd.org) and the Center for Disease Control website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

Please be safe and stay healthy.

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*Stay Home - Stay Safe*