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### **No Wipes Down the Pipes**

*Village Reminds Residents to Protect Sewer Systems*

**Edmore, MI** – The Village of Edmore would like to remind residents that only three items should be flushed down the drain; #1, #2 and toilet paper. All other material is not made to flush smoothly through the sewer system. Please help keep the Village sewer system flowing smoothly by not flushing anything else down the toilet.

Unfortunately, some items marketed as “flushable” have become a threat to residential and municipal sewer systems, causing expensive clogs and messy sewage back up in homes and businesses.

“Clogged pumps have a tough time pumping waste to the sanitary sewer system when they are clogged with 'flushable' wipes,” said Andy Andersen, Edmore DPW Supervisor. “Flushable' wipes are not made to be flushed and can cause costly sewage backups into people's basements.”

If you must use a "wet wipe" instead of toilet paper, please dispose of them in the garbage. Remember, the only thing you should ever flush down a toilet is #1, #2 and toilet paper. And keep in mind: “No Wipes Down the Pipes”

Some items not to flush:

- Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, etc.
- Diapers (cloth, disposable, "flushable")
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms, or any non- organic material
- Fats, oils, and grease (FOG)
- Dental floss, Q-tips and cotton balls
- “Swiffers” toilet bowl scrub pads
- Napkins (paper or cloth), paper towels, facial tissues
- Seeds, peelings, egg shells, nutshells, and coffee grounds
- Bandages and bandage wrappings
- Clothing, Wash cloths, towels, rags (any cloth item)
- Plastic of any kind
- Medicines/pharmaceuticals (put original containers in a plastic zip-lock bag, throw the bag in the trash or take to a recycling, drop-off, or household hazardous waste collection)
- Harmful chemicals such as solvent-based glue, paint, strippers, wood preservatives, nail polish, antifreeze, engine cleaners/degreasers, gasoline, motor oil, fertilizers, pesticides, and pool/spa chemicals

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