

# Preventing Backups

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in our community*

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**YOU  
CAN  
HELP**

Do your part to prevent costly and time consuming equipment blockages or breakdowns and aid in preventing sewer backups.

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## THE “FLUSHABLE” WIPES MYTH

- Flushable wipes are often marketed as an alternative to toilet paper and claim to be “flushable” and “sewer safe.”
- These wipes DO NOT break down when flushed in both private household plumbing and the public sewer system.
- Serious blockages resulting in septic and sewer backups may occur.
- Disposable wipes, even those labeled ‘flushable’ should be disposed of in the trash, not flushed down the toilet.

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