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Protect our Sewer Systems: Do not flush disinfectant wipes or paper towels down the toilet

SEAL BEACH, CA. – While the City of Seal Beach’ residents and businesses are encouraged to follow the Centers for Disease Control recommendations to clean surfaces with disinfecting wipes to reduce the spread of COVID-19, it is important to discard those items in the trash, not the toilet.

Flushing wipes, paper towels, and similar products down toilets will clog sewers and cause backups and overflows at wastewater treatment facilities. Even wipes labeled “flushable” will clog pipes and interfere with sewage collection and treatment

Wipes are among the leading causes of sewer system backups, impacting sewer collection systems and treatment plant pumps and treatment systems. Spills can go to rivers and oceans, where they have broad-ranging impacts on public health and the environment. Preventing sewer spills is important, especially during this COVID-19 emergency, for the protection of public health and the environment.

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