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Wipes Are Not Toilet Paper; Wipes Belong in the Trash *Dispose of Used Wipes Properly to Prevent Sewer Blockages*

WYLIE, TX – March 19, 2020 – With the recent increased use of disinfectant and cleaning wipes, North Texas Municipal Water District, a regional provider of wastewater collection and treatment, wants to remind everyone that wipes clog everything.

Wipes and cleaning cloths are designed to be stronger than toilet tissue, so they do not break down in water. This includes disinfectant wipes, cleaning wipes, baby wipes, bathroom wipes, facial or cosmetic wipes, personal hygiene wipes, floor cleaning or dusting wipes, and toilet bowl scrub pads. Even products labeled "flushable" can clog your sewer line because their plastic fibers do not break down quickly.

The non-toilet friendly items you flush might disappear without a problem, but beyond the drain opening is a world of traps and pipes, and the wipes may get stuck and build up there. Even when flushed wipes make it beyond the toilet and into sewage pipes, these items do not break down, and over time, they will tangle and clump together. Blockages can cause sewage to back up into your home or neighborhood resulting in unpleasant and expensive repairs.

Remember these three tips:

1. **Wipes Block Everything – So Do Not Flush Them.** All types of wipes belong in the trash.
2. While packaging states flushable, wipes do not break down causing blockages in sewer pipes.
3. Remember the 3 Ps. The toilet should only be used for three things; **P**ee, **P**oop, and toilet **P**aper

For more tips, visit www.DefendYourDrainsNorthTexas.com.

About NTMWD

The North Texas Municipal Water District is a regional wholesale provider of water, wastewater and solid waste disposal services for approximately 1.8 million residents across 10 counties – a service territory covering 2,200 square miles. For more information, visit NTMWD.com.

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