



## **NO WIPE IN THE PIPES!!**

***The biggest sources of sewer overflows and backups are rags and debris, mostly flushable wipes!***

**Flushable baby wipes and sani-wipes:** No matter what's on the label, "flushable" wipes do not disintegrate in water as quickly as toilet tissue does.

Municipal sewer systems where thousands of users may be using flushable wipes have a higher risk of problems. The wipes do not break down quickly enough for the system to handle the high volumes being flushed. Their cloth-like material block sewer lines, clog equipment and increase cities' maintenance and repair costs. Our sewers are designed to dispose of very specific things. Using your toilet for disposal of many modern products can result in pipe blockages.

**The situation has been so problematic that the village had to buy an new pump for over \$12,000.00! The Village of Stoddard needs your full cooperation in this matter or they will need to increase the sewer rates again to meet the extra costs involved in maintaining the sewer system.**

### **Avoid Drain Pain – Don't Flush These Things:**

Baby Wipes  
Cleaning Wipes  
Rags  
Disposable Diapers  
Facial Wipes  
Grease  
Hair  
Birth Control items

Personal hygiene products  
Paper towels  
Dental floss  
Cotton balls/Q-tips  
Used bandages  
Toys  
Medication



**Remember your Toilet is NOT a Garbage Can.**

**Human waste and toilet tissue are the only products the wastewater system was designed to handle. As a Village of Stoddard resident this affects you because continued abuse of our sewer system contributes to system failures and increased operation and maintenance costs.**

**Don't be Greasy!** Please do not pour kitchen grease down the sink or into the toilet. Grease restricts the waste water flowing through the pipes and will clog the sewer system.

**With Everyone's Help** the Village of Stoddard can limit the number of sewer overflows and back-ups due to blockages in the system thereby eliminating the need for costly clean-ups and possible contamination of our waterways and endangerment of public health.