

# Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Problem; We're Flushing our Tax Dollars Down the Drain

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Due to COVID-19 and the fact that many residents are working from home and students are distance learning, there are increased demands on both the Township's sanitary sewer and water infrastructure. In the past few weeks, there has been an increasing number of wipes clogging sewer stations resulting in tens of thousands of dollars in repairing clogged sewer lines and pump costs. Sometimes a picture is worth tens of thousands of tax dollars. The picture below represents an example of just how much damage these wipes are actually causing our sewer infrastructure.



**PHOTO:** *The object to the right in the photo is approximately 15 pounds of coagulated wipes, fecal matter, and cooking oil which broke our equipment and had to be physically removed from our pumping station last week.*

Residents are reminded that any kind of wipes including disinfectant wipes and baby wipes should never be flushed down the toilet. Instead, the wipes should be placed in the trash for proper disposal. While some wipes may be labeled as *flushable*, they may, in fact, contribute to clogging the sewer lines. Therefore, residents should place those wipes in the garbage.

Thank you for your cooperation.