



# What can **I** do?

Unfortunately, it's not a game. Clogged pipes can cause sewage overflows & costly damage to your property.

**BUT YOU CAN HELP PREVENT THEM.**



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A clump of wipes like this was cleared from the sewer in your neighborhood!

**You can help prevent clogs by disposing of wipes in the trash, not the toilet.**

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- 30% of the sewage overflows in our service area last year were caused by wipes like these.
- So-called “flushable” or “disposable” wipes can clog your sewer pipes and damage wastewater treatment equipment.
- Wipes do not disintegrate in water as quickly as toilet paper and can get caught on roots or debris in pipes, causing blockages and overflows.
- If wipes can clog our large sewer mains, they can definitely clog your home’s much smaller sewer pipes, requiring you to pay a plumber to clear the blockage.
- **No matter what a label says, the only items you should flush are human waste and toilet paper.**

