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Public Service Announcement

WIPES CLOG PIPES!

Fellow Seneca County Residents: We would like to take a little time during this COVID-19 public health crisis to remind you to be sure you follow state and local recommendations, work remotely when possible, practice social distancing, washing your hands frequently and clean or sanitizing your surroundings often. All of this, if followed will save lives, and get us all closer to flattening the curve.

But, unfortunately, WIPES CLOG PIPES! Recently, with more of the general population staying home, and cleaning and sanitizing their homes and work areas, we have seen an uptick in “flushable wipes” in the Counties Sewer Collection Systems, and at the Wastewater Treatment Plants in the district. I am confident that this is true in our rural septic systems as well. Flushable wipes are in fact a very good way to clean and sanitize. They are built more sturdily than regular toilet tissue, and it is because of these properties, and their longer and synthetic fibers, that make them great scrubbers, but almost impossible to dissolve in water. Please see: (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CTdiL3TPI4Y>). After being used, wipes should be thrown away.

This is just a polite and friendly reminder to remember that Wipes Clog Pipes. Cleaning and sanitizing wipes should be disposed of in the Trash bin, not in the sewer system. The cost of this pandemic is already high. Additional costs associated with plugged pipes, pumps and septic systems will be yours to bear as all sanitary\septic systems are user fee based.

Stay safe, Stay clean, and keeping flushing!

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