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## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **DON'T CREATE A MONSTER – THINK BEFORE YOU FLUSH!** **UNFLUSHABLE ITEMS AND TIPS TO KEEP YOUR PIPES SAFE**

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The following products are commonly flushed down the toilet and wind up in the City's sewer system. Flushing these so-called "flushable" products can clog pipes, break pumps and cause sanitary sewer overflows, which, in addition to causing quite a mess, also lead to thousands of dollars in repairs.

Let's work together to keep costly clogs out of our homes, apartments, schools, and businesses.

#### **DO NOT FLUSH THESE ITEMS**

- Cotton swabs
- Dental floss
- Gloves
- Rags
- Cat litter
- Feminine hygiene products
- Condoms
- Paper towels
- Diapers
- Personal hygiene wipes, even if they're labeled "flushable"

#### **TIPS TO KEEP YOUR PIPES SAFE**

- Use baskets or strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids.
- Scrape grease and food scraps from plates, pots and pans, utensils, and grills into the garbage.
- Keep fats, oil and grease out of our sewers and help keep our environment clean.
- Capture animal fats in a can and put all food waste and discards in a trash container.

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