



Tracy

MINNESOTA

Come Along for the Ride

Notice To Tracy Residents

Our Utilities staff works hard to keep Tracy’s 17 miles of sewer pipe, Lift Station, Stabilization Ponds, and over 900 service connections to the sanitary sewer in good working order. However, we need help from all users of our system to prevent problems for both the City and homeowners. Any items other than toilet paper need to be disposed of in the garbage! This is especially important to understand during the COVID-19 Pandemic when we are using a variety of disposable wipes with the current shortage of toilet paper.

Wipes labeled as “flushable” do not break down the same way as toilet paper. They clog residential and municipal sewer pipes, put stress on community wastewater collection and treatment systems, and cause premature equipment repair and replacement, which indirectly drives up utility rates and homeowner repair costs.

The “flushable” wipes snag on any imperfection in the sewer pipes, catch passing debris, which create a “dam” that will grow in size and plug the pipe.

“Flushable” wipes can cause problems not only for the utility, with plugged pumps and pipes, but also to homeowners with sanitary sewer backups. Our goal is to maintain a highly functioning sewer system at the lowest possible cost to the consumer.

For more information, visit the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s website at www.pca.state.mn.us/wipes.

No Wipes Down the Pipes

Even if a product says it is “flushable” ...

Unless it is toilet paper, it should not be flushed!

- Diapers (including cloth, cotton, disposable, or plastic)
- Flushable, disposable, cleaning, or baby wipes
- Paper towels, cloth towels, or any type of rag
- Feminine hygiene products
- Facial Tissues



Place the items listed above in a trash can

Putting these items down toilets may plug sewers and cause raw sewage to back up into YOUR HOME