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Flushing Wipes Down the Toilet Causes Sewer Spills

South Lake Tahoe, CA (March 18, 20202) – It is critically important that South Lake Tahoe community members continue cleaning surfaces with disinfecting wipes to reduce the spread of COVID-19. But when you're done, discard wipes and papers towels in the trash, not the toilet.

“We are seeing an increase in the number of disposable wipes in our wastewater system,” says Chris Stanley, Manager of Field Operations. “These wipes clog up our system and are the main cause of sewer spills. During this pandemic, we need our crews’ focused on providing safe, clean drinking water and reliable wastewater services, instead of responding to an easily preventable sewer spill.”

Even wipes labeled “flushable” will clog pipes and interfere with sewage collection and treatment. Help keep raw sewage out of our lake, rivers, and streams, by only flushing pee, poop and paper down the toilet.