

Lower Salford Township Authority would like to take this opportunity to inform our residential and commercial customers on items that should not be flushed down their toilets or poured down their drains.

Amid the bulk-buying of toilet paper and other sanitary products, the Authority has seen a rise in the non-flushable items at the wastewater treatment plants during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**The problem is that toilet paper substitutes and flushable wipes are not really flushable.** Even if the wipes claim to be “flushable”, their inability to breakdown in the sanitary systems may cause a costly sewer backup into your home or business. They can also cause blockages in the Authority’s sewer lines, damage pumps, screens, and filters at the wastewater treatment plants and pumping stations.

Items which should **NOT** be introduced into the sanitary sewer system include the following:

- Cloth rags or towels • Paper (other than toilet paper/tissue) • Medications (Prescription, or over the counter.)
- Baby wipes, Toilet wipes, Towelettes, Disinfecting wipes, or cloth wipes of any kind; **EVEN IF THE CONTAINER INDICATES THAT THEY ARE A “FLUSHABLE” PRODUCT.** • Feminine hygiene products of any kind • Beauty products, Q-Tips, dental floss • Plastics of any kind • Grease of any kind – especially cooking grease
- Garden supplies (such as pesticides, fertilizers) • Paint, varnish, paint remover • Motor oil, gasoline, or any explosive material • Sump pump or storm water discharge

Instead, all the items mentioned above should be thrown in the trash or disposed of properly.

The Lower Salford Township Authority appreciates your cooperation and understanding in the significance of this matter.