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## City of McAllen advises residents: No wipes in pipes

City of McAllen Public Utility is advising residents to abstain from flushing any type of wipes down the toilet, whether flushable or not.

Due to a shortage of toilet paper in grocery stores, individuals have started using flushable wipes, Kleenex tissues, disinfecting wipes, baby wipes and paper towels.

The flushing of any type of wipe has the potential to create clogs in the wastewater collection system which will lead to sanitary sewer back-up at homes or business and possible sanitary sewer overflows in the street.

MPU reminds its citizens to do their part and not dispose of these products down the toilet, so that another health hazard isn't created during the COVID-19 pandemic.

As a reminder, toilet paper is the only thing that may be flushed.



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