# **NOTICE**

# **VILLAGE OF LA VALLE WATER / SEWER UTILITY**

#### WHAT TO FLUSH & WHAT NOT TO FLUSH

When you flush your toilet, flushed material leaves your home through pipes that connect to the Village's wastewater system. Do you know that many materials that are flushed or poured down the drain can harm or block the pipes in the system?

Toilet paper breaks down in water and rarely causes a blockage. Other materials may not break down, which can plug your pipes, cause a sewer backup and incur great costs to the Village Sewer System.

## THERE ARE ONLY 3 THINGS YOU SHOULD FLUSH!!!!

1) Human waste 2) Toilet paper 3) Water

Many of the items listed below have and are still being found in the La Valle Sewer System. PLEASE do not flush these items. Products may be advertised as flushable, BUT it doesn't mean they are safe for your system. These items are costing the Village thousands of dollars, which means it will cost each and every resident money out of their pockets.

## WHAT NOT TO FLUSH

- Paper products (i.e. tissues, paper towel and paper napkins)
- Wipes of any kind (i.e. baby wipes, cleaning and makeup wipes)
- Disposable diapers
- Clothing
- Feminine hygiene products
- Q-tips, cotton balls and cotton swabs
- Bandages and wrappings
- Medication (i.e. pills, capsules, and liquids)
- Dental floss
- Disposable toilet cleaning brushes
- Cat litter
- Condoms
- Hair from hairbrushes
- Toothpicks
- Fats, oils and grease
- Vegetable and fruit scraps
- Needles and sharps
- Motor oil and paint thinner

Please dispose of these materials in the garbage or at a hazardous waste drop-off site.

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PLEASE REPORT ALL SEWER BACKUPS TO THE UTILITY IMMEDIATELY AT 608-985-6300