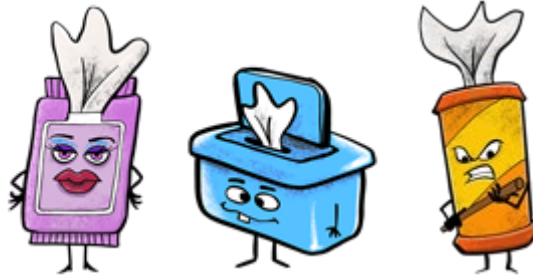


# Why “Flushable” Wipes Are Unflushable



Products labelled as “flushable” wipes, such as make-up removal wipes, cleaning wipes and baby wipes should not be flushed down the toilet, even if their products' packaging states that they are flushable. Wipes do not break down in the wastewater treatment process the same way that toilet paper does, creating clogs in pipes and sewers.

**ALL WIPES, including cleaning wipes, baby wipes, adult personal hygiene wipes, facial wipes and make-up removal wipes should be disposed of in the garbage.**

## Misleading Product Packaging

Possibly as an incentive to buy wipes and personal hygiene products, some manufacturers state on the package that their products are OK to flush. However, many **Canadian municipalities and international water services agree that these wipes are not safe to flush** because they can:

- Damage or block to your home plumbing, which could lead to basement flooding
- Damage to the City's sewer pipes located under the streets, which could lead to basement flooding
- Increased operation and maintenance costs for the City of Pembroke to clean and repair the City's sewer pipes
- Decreased life of equipment at the Pollution Control Centre and increased maintenance & repairs