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## **MEMO: YOUR SEWER SYSTEM AND TREATMENT PLANT**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Maintenance activity at the \_\_\_\_\_ Sewage Pump Station was conducted this past week. Removal of an overwhelming amount of “flushable” wipes clogged the sewage pumps at the station. Though these products are convenient and say they are flushable, they are not. They do not disintegrate like toilet paper does. They cause sewer back-ups, pump clogs and capacity issues in the treatment plant and collection system. All customers serviced by the South Russell Pump Station are receiving this memo asking them to please protect **your** sewer system and dispose of these “flushable wipes” in the trash.

Geauga County Department of Water Resources kindly asks you to please put these items in the trash and refrain from flushing them down the toilet.

## No Wipes Down the Pipes

Even if a product says it is “flushable” ...

Unless it is toilet paper, it should not be flushed!

- Diapers (including cloth, cotton, disposable, or plastic)
- Flushable, disposable, cleaning, or baby wipes
- Paper towels, cloth towels, or any type of rag
- Feminine hygiene products
- Facial Tissues



**Place the items listed above in a trash can**

Questions? Contact Ronnie Walker, Pretreatment coordinator, 440-279-1976

