With the COVID – 19 pandemic, it is good to remember that the sanitary sewer was designed to handle two things - human waste and toilet paper. Flushing additional items down the toilet can cause big problems with household plumbing, sanitary sewer laterals, sewer main lines and wastewater facilities.

Wipes, even those labeled “flushable”, are the number one enemy of the sewer systems, especially household systems.

Here are some commonly flushed items that SHOULD NOT BE FLUSHED:

- Wipes – any type
- Paper towels, napkins and facial tissue
- Household cleaning and scrubbing pads
- Food scraps
- Fats, oils and greases
- Vitamins, medicines or other pharmaceuticals
- Diapers – cloth, disposable and flushable liners
- Cotton swabs
- Kitty litter
- Hair
- Tampons and sanitary napkins
- Condoms
- Dental floss

With your cooperation, the Town of Tonawanda will continue to provide great sanitary sewer service. If there are questions, please contact Kirk Rowland or Mike Metzger at 719-874-0490.

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