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# Help Keep the Sewer Lines Clean

The Columbus Water Works (CWW) prides itself on providing quality drinking water and wastewater services to all its customers. CWW has a state-of-the-art waste treatment facility and sewage conveyance. With over 800 miles of sewer lines, keeping the system free flowing is a huge undertaking.



To prevent sewer overflows and stop-ups in the sewer system of Columbus, CWW developed a local law called the Sanitary Sewer & Sewage Disposal Ordinance. This ordinance provides for the enforcement tool CWW utilizes to protect the system. This protection includes restricting what can be disposed of in the sewer system.

Prohibited materials are those items that will cause upsets, interference, or obstructions in the sewer system. One such item is a rag.

***Sanitary Sewer Ordinance #04-74- Section 5.1-General Prohibitions;  
(b) Any solid or viscous substances which may cause obstruction to the flow  
in a sewer or other interference with the operation of the wastewater treatment  
facilities such as, but not limited to: .....rags.....***

Rags such as baby wipes, shop rags, dusters, sweepers and general disinfectant rags should not be flushed down the drain. The materials used to manufacture these rags does not degrade nor breakdown in the sewer. These materials can cause obstructions, pump damage and overflows that cost CWW and its customers thousands of dollars to rectify.



If you use these materials please do not flush them down the drain. Instead place them in the garbage for proper disposal.



The Columbus Water Works works hard everyday to keep our sewer system flowing freely and provide the highest level of sewer treatment for our customers and to protect the environment.

