



***This is an increasingly
serious problem for
Muhlenberg and other
Sewer Systems***

In today's society, more and more people are looking for the easiest and most convenient ways to keep their homes clean and safe from illness. One of these is the use of sanitary and cleaning wipes. These wipes have become very popular for cleaning and sterilizing surfaces in our homes. Others are used to clean our babies as well as ourselves. With the increase in use of these products has come a serious problem for the Municipal Wastewater Systems and homeowner sanitary sewer lines. While the packaging on these products say they are "FLUSHABLE", please take it from someone in the business, they are "NOT FLUSHABLE"! While they do flush in most cases without a problem, the problems are after they leave your toilets. An increase in clogs in sanitary sewer lines, both for our customers and the municipal line is causing added expense for us, which in turn will cause increases in rates to the customer. The problems continue even further down the line when they reach pumping equipment in the wastewater system. Below is just one example of what happens to those wipes that are flushed. These pump repairs are causing expensive repairs to equipment, again causing increases in operating costs, which translate to higher rates to cover the cost of the repairs. Muhlenberg Township Authority has had to cover approximately \$32,000 in repair costs in the last year for damage to pumps alone done by these wipes.



***Please think
twice before
flushing
anything other
than regular
toilet paper!***