



# EPA ADVISES TO ONLY FLUSH TOILET PAPER

The Arkansas Department of Energy and Environment (E&E) joins EPA in urging Arkansans to flush **ONLY** toilet paper down toilets. Never flush disinfectant wipes, sanitary wipes, baby wipes, or paper towels. This includes wipes marketed as “flushable.” Dispose of these items in the garbage, the same way you would regular household waste.

- Flushing wipes and paper towels puts a strain on sewer systems and septic systems making it more difficult to safely manage our state’s wastewater.
- By flushing only toilet tissue, we can all do our part to prevent toilet and sewer backups.
- Backups pose a threat to human health and present an extra challenge to our wastewater utilities and their employees.
- Having fully operational wastewater services is critical to containing COVID-19 and protecting Americans from other public health risks.
- Communities across the country are finding that even “flushable” wipes are clogging wastewater systems.

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