



A MESSAGE FROM THE PORTLAND WATER DISTRICT



IF IT **IS NOT** TOILET PAPER,
IT SHOULD **NOT BE FLUSHED**



WE NEED YOUR HELP TO WIPE OUT A BIG PROBLEM

Over the last few years the Portland Water District has experienced an increase in wastewater pump station malfunctions. Crews regularly unclog mounds of disposable and flushable wipes from pumps, at considerable expense and environmental consequence. When equipment clogs, wastewater backs up into homes and out overflow channels into our rivers and bays.

The Portland Water District **URGES** customers to flush **ONLY** toilet paper and human waste. Even though products may indicate they are biodegradable or can be flushed, they do not break down in time to make it through the wastewater process.



A baby wipe after it has been flushed, gone through the collection system, and pulled from a pump station.



Material removed from a pump on 7/10/07.



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