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**Personal Septic Systems and Town Center Septic Systems:**

In an effort to avoid homeowners from having an unexpected problem in the future (potentially near future) and after discussing this issue with the Town's Sanitarian (Title V expert) we are putting out this warning.

**Personal Septic Systems:**

With the scarcity of paper products some people are resorting to baby wipes and other types of wipes and are flushing them down the toilet. **Do not do this** as these items as well as Clorox wipes and other cleaning wipes do not dissolve and could and probably will clog the pipes of your septic system. This will lead to potentially expensive call to rotor the problem or repairs.

**Town Center Septic Systems:**

The same as above holds true for the homes in the center of town that are on the Town Center Septic System. Each of your homes or businesses are tied to a pump that grinds what was flushed. The problem is **these wipes do not grind well and will damage your pump**. If by chance some wipes get through they will clog the distribution pipes and cause a backup of sewage into your home. If they make it all the way to the Wastewater Treatment Plant they can damage it and at that point the system will be down and no one on the system will be able to use their toilets, showers/tubs, sinks or anything connected to the sewer system.

**In either case this is serious and we ask everyone to not flush anything down their toilets other than paper products made for septic systems.**