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Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, there are reports of toilet paper shortages and increased sale and use of sanitizing or “flushable” wipes.

The City of Bethlehem Water and Sewer Resources department advises all citizens to observe the following guidelines for proper disposal of these items:

- Toilets should be for human waste and toilet paper only.
- All sanitizing wipes, paper towels, rags, diapers, baby wipes, and anything advertised as “flushable” should not be flushed down the toilet.
- These materials are not biodegradable and can cause blockages in your home plumbing system as well as the City’s sewage collection system which can result in back-ups, overflows, flooded basements, and damage to sewage handling equipment.
- The City’s sewer department is keenly aware of this situation and has stepped up maintenance efforts for sewer main flushing and cleaning to prevent overflows and back-ups.

Thank you all, in advance for doing your part by adhering to these basic guidelines.

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