



**While spending time at home,
minimize impacts to Public Utilities so we can focus on serving you!**

March 18, 2020- Chesapeake Beach, MD- As the Department of Public Works and Water Reclamation Treatment Plant staff works to mitigate essential duties to continue services to residents, the Town reminds homebound, residents to think twice before flushing other materials down their commodes.

That goes for paper towels, tissues, napkins and “flushable” wipes.

Wipes that claim for be “flushable” are not, they are not biodegradable, wreak havoc on the public utility systems and contribute to increased staff time mitigating their damage costing.

When you flush your toilet, waste runs from your home piping to the Town’s infrastructure, pumps and grinders for eventual treatment.

The system accommodates toilet paper, which is made to disintegrate quickly in water. But wipes, diapers and other materials, which don’t break down, clog pipes.

That could mean sewer backups into the homes of the perpetrators or of others, as clogs form down the line. The latter often require jet cleaning to clear.

Please do your part, keep our Town staff focused on continuing services as we prepare for a long haul of mitigating coverage over the coming weeks and possibly months.