

# DOVER EYOTA ST. CHARLES AREA SANITARY DISTRICT

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## NOTICE TO THE COMMUNITIES OF DOVER, EYOTA AND ST. CHARLES MN

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**DATE:** March 19, 2020

**SUBJECT:** Sanitary Sewer Concerns

Due to possible stockpiling and the resulting shortage of toilet paper as a result of COVID-19 concerns, we have heard of the increased use and flushing of non-flushable materials such as baby wipes, napkins and paper towels. While the “flushable” wipes concern is not new to wastewater facilities, there is an increased risk due to the current lack of availability of toilet paper. We ask that you not flush anything other than toilet paper.

Flushing anything other than toilet paper can create expensive problems for homeowners and the Sanitary District’s facilities. Flushing wipes (even those labeled “flushable”) and other non-toilet paper materials causes backups, equipment and pipe breakages, and possibly even force raw sewage back into peoples’ homes. Since we are a public utility, the cost to repair these damages is borne by the individual homeowners or the public. We want to avoid any and all of these problems to keep our facility up and running.

We ask that you pay close attention to what is being used in your home and make sure you are **only flushing toilet paper**. As a reminder, the following products are **NOT** flushable and must be disposed of in a waste basket:

- Paper towels
- Napkins
- Wet wipes/baby wipes (even those labeled as “flushable” wipes)
- Kleenex
- Diapers
- Feminine hygiene products
- Gauze/Band-Aids

Thank you for helping keep our communities and the Sanitary District’s facility clean and functioning! If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Dover Eyota St. Charles Area Sanitary District at (507) 932-4171.

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