Flush at Your Own Risk

Beware of the claim: “IT’S FLUSHABLE”
Most items marketed as flushable actually do not degrade. Down in the sewer, these build up, clog pipes, tangle pumps and cause messy backups.

Do NOT flush:
Diapers – any type
Baby or personal hygiene wipes
Facial tissues, cotton balls or swabs
Toilet scrub pads or household cleaning wipes
Dental floss or hair
Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms or other non-organic material
Vitamins, medicines or other pharmaceuticals
Napkins – paper or cloth, or paper towels
Egg shells, nutshells and coffee grounds
Fats, oils, and greases
Food items containing seeds and peelings
Cloth items
Plastic of any kind

If you must use a “wet wipe” rather than just toilet paper, always dispose of it as trash, never down the toilet!

The City routinely cleans main sewer lines under the public streets. Property owners are fully responsible for maintaining laterals which connect from homes to mains. As more blockages are caused by so-called “flushables,” you can anticipate this problem and act to prevent it.