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## **NO WIPES DOWN THE PIPES, EVEN IF A PRODUCT SAYS IT IS “FLUSHABLE”**

**PURCELLVILLE, Va. March 20, 2020** — The Town of Purcellville is reminding citizens not to flush “flushable wipes”. Due to the recent demand for flushable wipes and sanitary products relating to the COVID-19 crisis, the town is reminding people to dispose of these items properly.

Convenience wipes such as baby wipes and hygienic wipes, as well as paper towels, might be labeled as “disposable” or “flushable” but these products **SHOULD NOT** be flushed down the drain. They should be disposed of in your household or business trash receptacle. These items do not disintegrate in water the way toilet paper does. This practice can cause a sanitary sewer backup in your home or your neighbor’s home, creating a costly and serious threat to the health and safety for all those affected.

### **The Town of Purcellville, Virginia**

“Purcellville-your small Town, where history and progress intersect and people prosper,” is an award-winning town of over 10,000 residents located in Loudoun County, approximately 50 miles west of Washington, DC. Having received the prestigious Siemens Sustainability Award for Small Communities, Purcellville continues to be honored for its green initiatives with most recently being the Tree City USA recipient for the 12<sup>th</sup> year. The Town was reaffirmed as a AAA rated community by S&P Global Ratings, the highest credit rating possible, and is recognized as one of the safest towns in Virginia. Once a stop along the W&OD rail line, which has been converted to a multi-use trail from Alexandria, VA to Purcellville, the Town has maintained its historic old-town feel through the restoration and maintenance of its many downtown structures, reflecting the Victorian architecture popular during the early 1900s. Today, Purcellville is the economic hub of western Loudoun County and a popular weekend destination for antiquing, equestrian activities, farmer’s markets, wineries, breweries, distilleries and restaurants. More info at [www.purcellvilleva.gov](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov).

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