FAIRWAYS METROPOLITAN DISTRICT

SEWAGE TREATMENT PROVIDER FOR THE <u>Lake valley neighborhood</u>, Fairways living, and lake valley golf course



AN UGLY SITUATION

This is a recent picture of one of our community aerators.
The aerator is completely clogged with wipes and other non-degradable materials.

AN EXPENSIVE (AND ONGOING) FIX

Last year repairs due to damage that could have been avoided cost us \$101,425 (\$298 per household).

AN EASY SOLUTION

We all need to stop putting things in the sewers that don't belong there. Flush only the 3 P's (Pee, Poop, and Toilet Paper).

NEIGHBORS, <u>We</u> have a problem.

We continue to have problems with wipes being flushed in our neighborhood. This is a national wastewater treatment problem with products advertised as flushable. These products will flush but will not break down. Conventional treatment systems like ours are not designed to remove them.

Wipes and other products that don't break-down plug our system, cause expensive damage, and create <u>sewer</u> treatment system failures. Failures like the one pictured above, require that the aerator be removed by crane, disassembled, cleared by hand, motor rebuilt, reassembled, and reinstalled. Your sewage treatment facility has six of these aerators. Aerators are the heart of our sewage treatment process.

Each repair or rebuild costs a minimum of \$5000. This cost is passed directly on to us - the approximately 340 member households of the Fairways Metropolitan District. Rebuilds of aerators **should be needed** <u>only</u> **once every 10-20 years**. Because of non-degradable items in the system, these <u>repairs have been</u> <u>required multiple times a year</u>. Flushing only the 3 P's (pee, poop and toilet paper) will save us all money.

We must all cooperate to manage our system and the cost.

TAKE ACTION:

If we do not change our behavior as a community, our sewage system will continue to need excessive repairs, and we - the users - will have to pay for them. Over the last three years these expenses averaged \$54,699, or \$161 for every household in our community annually.

Take action now:

- Talk to your family and household members about the importance of only flushing the 3 P's.
- If you use a cleaning service, nannies, etc. - talk specifically to each of your providers and direct them not to flush non-degradable items down the toilet.
- If necessary, put a reminder sign on your toilets.

GET INVOLVED:

The district is governed by an all volunteer board made up of 5 members who must own property in the district and be registered to vote in Colorado. We currently have only two board members. We need more.

The Board is the general governing body of the District. The Board oversees all aspects of the operation and carries out the business of the District in public meetings. Board members attend an average of four business meetings each year, and regularly review information pertinent to the operation of the District.

To learn more about getting involved on the Board please contact Steve Beck, the District Manager at sbeck@sdmsi.com or via phone at 303-987-0835 (ext. 206).

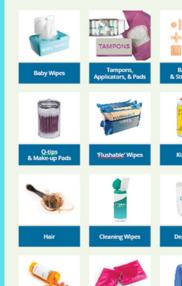
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THE DIRTY DOZEN

All these items belong in the TRASH, not in the toilet.





TOILET PAPER



