

A HOMEOWNERS GUIDE TO SEPTIC SYSTEMS

Settle back folks, I'm getting on my soapbox again.

"FLUSHABLE" down the toilet into the septic tank, where the product quickly breaks down, quickly is the operative word here.

Try this – fill two bowls with water, put a couple of sheets of your toilet paper in one bowl and your safe "flushable" in the other bowl, after placing your toilet paper in water and before placing your "flushable" in its bowl –has your toilet paper fallen apart ? Next week or next month, when the "flushable" shows signs of being bio-degradable – let me know, we'll have a contest.

"Flushable" does not always mean that it's safe to use in your septic system – and it's not much better for folks on city sewers.

The septic / sewer industry even has a new word for the phenomenon "RAGGING" refers to "flushable wipes for adults and toddlers combined with other items such as extra thick toilet paper, toilet cleaning wand pop-off pads, baby wipes, paper towels, sanitary pads, dental floss and other items that are not designed to be flushed that get tangled up in sewer pipes.

From an article in the August 2015 Pumper Magazine, a couple in "New Hampshire filed a class-action lawsuit on August 5th against Wal-mart and Rockline Industries, alleging the two companies showed deceptive business practice when selling flushable wipes.

Rockline Industries manufactures EQUATE flushable wipes for Wal-mart. According to a report in Legal Newsline, the couple says that despite advertising otherwise, the wipes do not breakdown when flushed and can cause problems in pipes. The couple say their septic system leachfield failed, which required them to hire professional plumbers.

The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court Eastern District of New York. Along with damages, it seeks an order declaring the defendants' practices improper and an injunction requiring the defendants to inform the public about the true nature of wipes."

So how is the wipe in the bowl degrading ??

We just can't say this often enough – if you don't eat it – don't flush it, with the only exception being toilet paper, please.

Are you eating coffee grounds, egg shells, potato peelings or any of the things you are putting down the garbage disposal ? These things don't breakdown in the septic tank any better than the wipes still sitting in that bowl. Okay, getting off my soapbox.

Enjoy the rest of summer, winter will be here all too soon.

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