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GNWPCD Urges Residents: Be Careful What You Flush

Great Neck, N.Y. (March XX, 2020)– As part of our responsibility to the community during this time of pandemic, the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (GNWPCD) is reminding all residents to only flush toilet paper and to avoid flushing wet wipes, paper towels, feminine hygiene products and wrappers down the toilet and instead urges residents to dispose of these items in the trash. Wipes especially, are often advertised as “flushable” by manufacturers for sales purposes, have consistently been found to create blockages in both individual household sewer lines and the wastewater treatment plant’s infrastructure.

The majority of wastewater that flows through the District’s sewer system reaches the treatment facility in a matter of hours. Wipes can take days or weeks to breakdown and can clog the homeowners’ and District’s sewer lines in the process. The GNWPCD is experiencing an influx of these non-flushable items into the system, which could lead to potentially hazardous effects including sanitary sewer backups into homes and street overflows.

The GNWPCD has proactively put out a public service announcement, where District Superintendent Christopher Murphy explains the misleading name and problems flushable wipes can cause to both a household’s lines and the wastewater treatment plant. The video is on the District’s website and also airs consistently on the North Shore Television Network on Mondays and Fridays during March and April around 6:30 p.m.

For additional information and updates about the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District, visit the website at www.gnwpcd.net to sign up for email newsletters or call the office at 516-482-0238.

About the GNWPCD

The Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (GNWPCD) is a commissioner-run Special Improvement District within the Town of North Hempstead. The GNWPCD has provided sewage services for the Great Neck area since 1914, and currently serves more than 25,000 residents and businesses in the villages of Great Neck, Saddle Rock, Kensington, and those parts of Thomaston and Great Neck Plaza east of Middle Neck Road; as well as all unincorporated areas north of the Long Island Rail Road and a part of Manhasset. The GNWPCD’s mission is to protect our bay, the environment and the health of our society.

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