

# Council's Sewerage Network

Council would like to remind residents to please think before you flush - human waste and toilet paper should be the only items being flushed down your toilet.

The main contributor to sewerage blockages across the Maranoa is the flushing of wet wipes.

Council would like to encourage responsible disposal of non-flushable items in our sewer system.

Even if packaging states that these items can be flushed, they do not break down in our sewerage system.

Any form of wet wipes should not be flushed. This includes baby wipes, facial wipes and cleaning wipes.

These items have been causing major blockages in our sewerage system and jam up pumps when they get caught in our equipment at the Sewage Pump Stations.

When wet wipes come in contact with other chronic sewerage problems (fats, grease and oils) they create a blockage in the sewer network.

If they do make it to the Sewage Treatment Plant, these must be removed and taken to landfill which adds to the cost of the sewerage function.

## DID YOU KNOW?

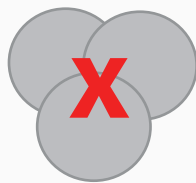
- 160 tonnes of wet wipes are removed from Queensland's sewerage networks – this is enough to stretch from Brisbane to Bali.
- \$1.5 million is spent on sewer breaks and blockages in Queensland.
- Queensland councils clear 4,000 blockages every year.
- Queensland spends \$400,000 disposing of this waste from our sewage treatment plants.
- 75% of Australian sewer blockages involve flushed wet wipes.

For more information, please visit <https://urbanutilities.com.au>

## PRODUCTS NOT TO FLUSH



Band-aids



Cleansing pads



Cotton buds and cotton wool balls



Dental floss



Cigarettes



Nappies



Feminine Hygiene products



Wet wipes (including baby wipes, facial wipes and cleaning wipes)



Hair balls from hairbrushes

For more information, please contact Council's Sewerage Team on 1300 007 662.