

Fun Family #Flushsmart Travel Tips

Cleaning up
when you're
on the go!

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Summer travel on your calendar?

Pro tip

Disposable sanitizing wipes can be a handy addition to your plans. It's a hot topic: there's more than **162,000,000** news stories online about how to stay healthy while you travel this summer.

What can happen if they end up in wastewater systems where they don't break down? **Let's take a look:**

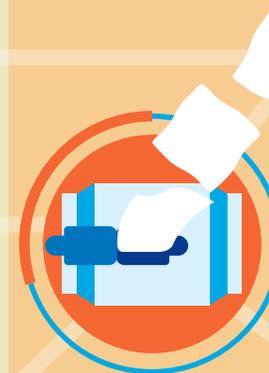


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sewers overflow
each year, according
to the EPA

98% of materials
clogging wastewater
system **don't belong**
there (think baby wipes,
cleaning wipes, period
products, paper towels).



But wet wipes
need to hit the
trash, not the toilet,
after using them.



A study in New York City
showed baby wipes
made up **30% of clogs...**
and new parents use
about **3,300 wipes** in
90 days!

The National Association
of Clean Water Agencies
(NACWA) says **improperly
flushed wipes cost** U.S.
water utilities
\$440M



Wherever your travels take you this summer—far down the road or even just on a staycation—remember that these avoidable costs and damages can be prevented.



Always look for the “Do Not
Flush” symbol on wipes
packaging and if you see it, toss
them in the trash, never the toilet!

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Sources:
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