

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:

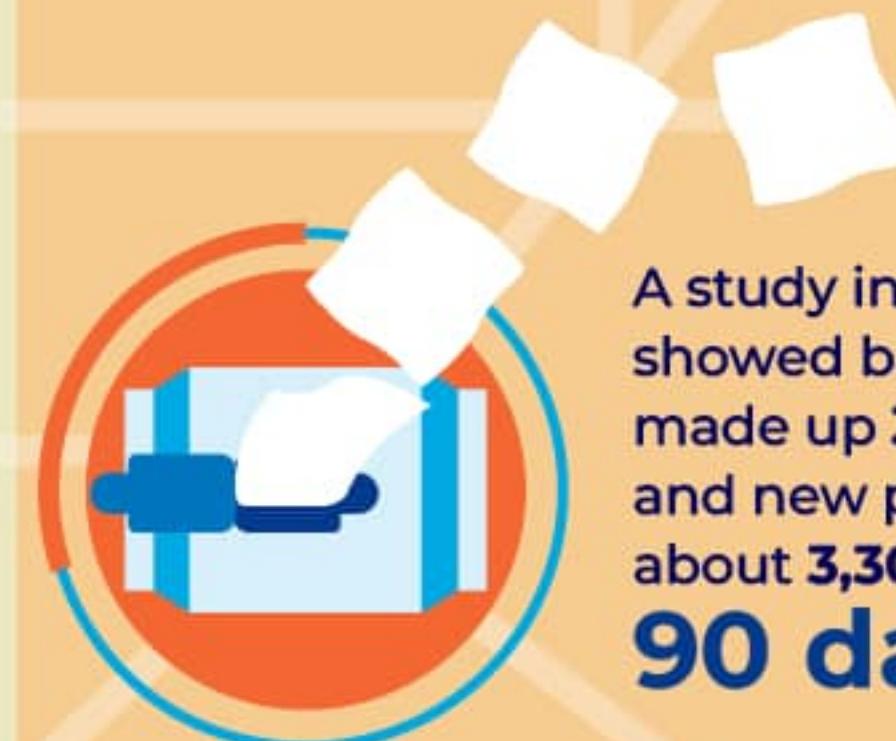


23k-75k sewers overflow each year, according to the EPA

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!