

What the Flush?

You Might Be Surprised by What's Going Down the Toilet

The Responsible Flushing Alliance (RFA) went deep to find out what exactly is being flushed down pipes – and shouldn't be.

A collaboration between wastewater agencies and industry experts on the largest domestic sewage collection study to uncover what's clogging sewer lines and equipment:



Collection took place at two locations during peak flow times.

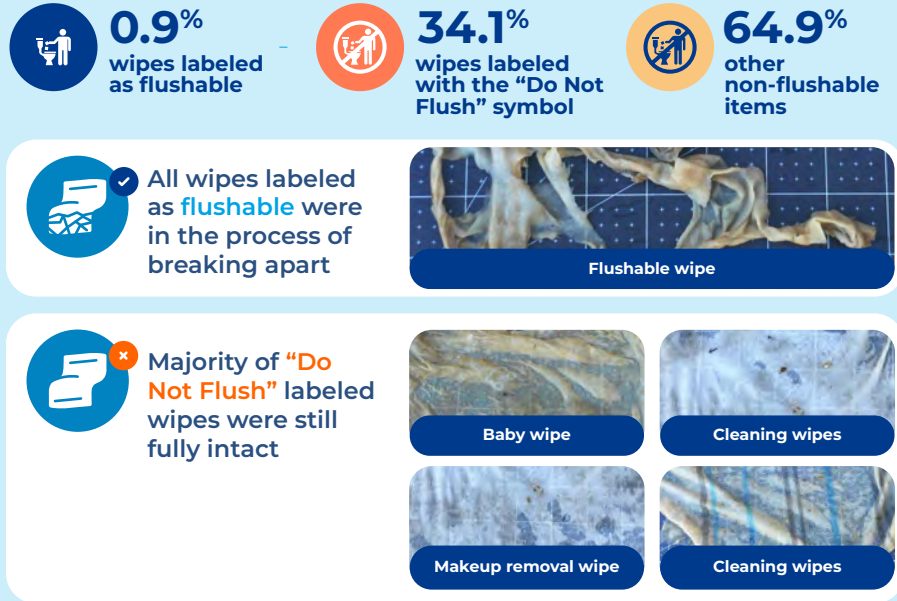


- Central Contra Costa Sanitary District (Central San) in the greater San Francisco Bay Area in Northern California
- Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) in Southern California



So, What's Being Flushed?

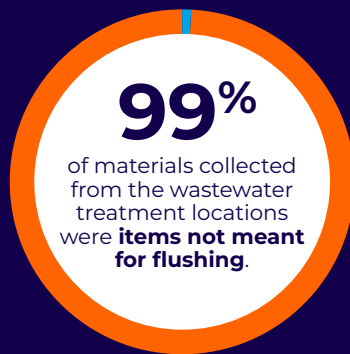
OF THE **1,745** ITEMS captured, sorted and documented:



Flushable Wipes vs. Non-Flushable Wipes: What's the Difference?

<p>Flushable Made of short, plant-based fibers that breakdown easily in water similar to toilet paper</p>	<p>Non-Flushable Made of long, often plastic fibers that are built for durability and do not disperse in water</p>
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What Can You Do to Help?



Take these easy steps to **#FlushSmart** and help keep **non-flushable** materials out of wastewater systems:

- Look for the "Do Not Flush" symbol
- Read disposal instructions on packaging
- When in doubt...**throw it out!**

To learn more about RFA and our **#FlushSmart** campaign, please visit us at www.flushsmart.org.

SOURCE: Kennedy-Jenks Report: California Sewage Collection Study Conducted in October 2023