



Estes Park Sanitation District
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If you have been shopping lately, you may have noticed that toilet paper, paper towels and other hygiene products are scarce. We, at the Estes Park Sanitation District applaud everyone for their desire to maintain a high level of hygiene. With the current headlines, personal hygiene is a concern we all have on our minds. However, we want to make sure everyone is aware of another type of hygiene; sewer system hygiene. The Estes Park Sanitation District maintains around 28 miles of sewer mainlines and to keep our system running smoothly we need your help. Here are three basic guidelines:

- **Flush ONLY toilet paper and waste.** Wipes (of any kind, even if they are labeled “flushable”), facial tissues and paper towels do not break down in the sanitary waste, causing a buildup and blockages in service lines and mainlines.
- **Wipe off pots, pans, plates or any dish that contains grease and dispose of it in the trash.** Grease may come off easily with hot water, but as it cools, it can build up on the walls of the sewer lines causing the reduction of flow and eventually blockages.
- **Be careful using bleach or other sanitizers.** We understand the necessity to keep things clean and safe by sanitizing. But please follow manufacturer’s recommendations and don’t introduce unnecessary amounts of these chemicals into the collection system. A wastewater treatment plant is a biological system. Micro-organisms are a critical component of the treatment process – we need them to be in proper balance to do our jobs!

As one of the oldest special districts in the State of Colorado, our commitment to the public within the Estes Valley and our downstream friends is their health and safety. We strive to operate efficiently and maintain the highest standards of treatment and disinfection. But we need your help. Thank you!