



# What's forming under the streets of New York City?

Here's what 2 collection studies found on screens at wastewater treatment facilities for Manhattan & the Bronx

Check out this breakdown of all the items recovered from the screen sample

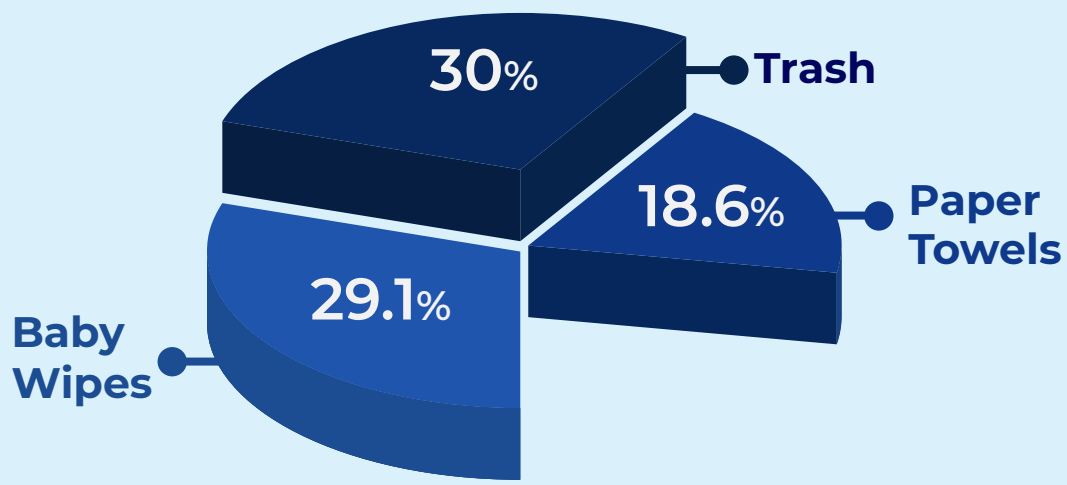


## The Bronx

All Materials recovered  
Wards Island - Bronx Sort

### The Top Recovered Items

These 3 items made up 77% of the sample.

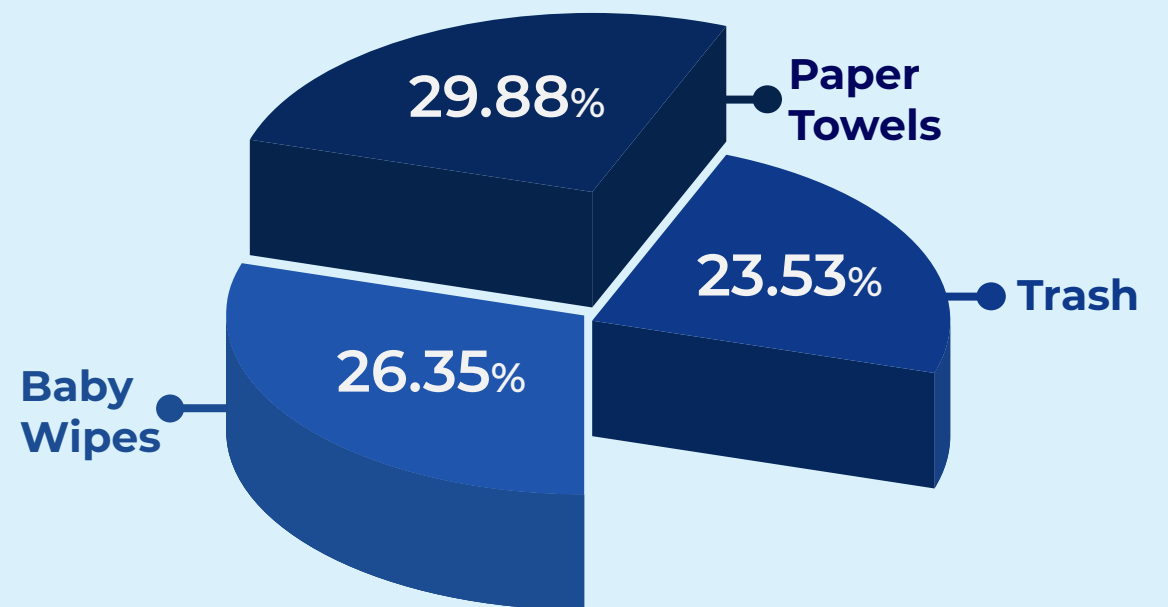


## Manhattan

All Materials recovered  
Wards Island - Manhattan Sort

### The Top Recovered Items

These 3 items made up 80% of the sample.



**98-99%**

of materials removed from wastewater treatment facility screens were items not meant for flushing. Disposable wipes such as baby wipes and hard surface cleaning wipes are not designed to break up like flushable wipes.

If you see this symbol



**Do Not Flush!!**

Source: Fuss & O'Neill's Forensic Evaluation of Non-Dispersables, New York City Law Department, August 15, 2016. [www.inda.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/NYC-Law-Department-Forensic-Evaluation-NonDispersables-Final.pdf](http://www.inda.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/NYC-Law-Department-Forensic-Evaluation-NonDispersables-Final.pdf)

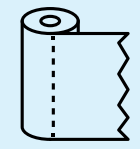


## Don't feed the Clog Monster!!

Follow the guide below, and remember, **when in doubt, throw it out!**



Baby wipes



Paper towels



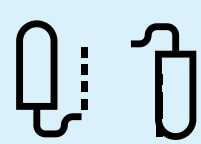
Disinfecting and cleaning wipes



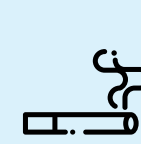
Cotton swabs



Dental floss



Feminine products (pads & tampons)



Cigarettes and cigarette butts



Makeup applicator pads & removal wipes

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