

Fun Family #Flushsmart Travel Tips

Cleaning up when
you're **on the go!**

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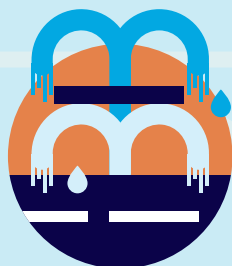


Winter travel on your calendar?

Pro tip

Disposable sanitizing wipes can be a handy addition to your winter plans. And it's a very hot topic: there's more than **96,200,000** news stories online about how to stay healthy while you travel this winter.

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

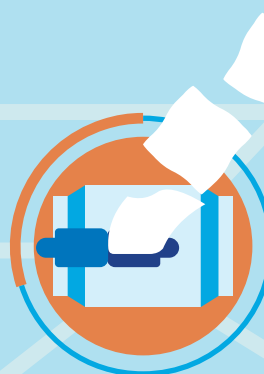


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sewers overflows
each year, according
to the EPA

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

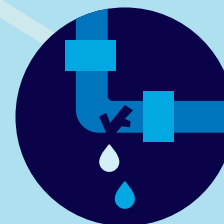


And wet wipes need
to hit the trash, not the
toilet, after using them.



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
annually.



Wherever your travels take you this winter – to a ski and snow sport destination or even a family 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!



Sources:
Environmental Protection Agency
Fuss & O'Neill's Forensic Evaluation of Non-Dispersals Report