

### **Sewer Backups**

If your sewer backs up call Shoreview Public Works 651-490-4650. Our staff will determine if the problem is in the sewer main line or in your line.

#### **Notice:**

#### **‘Disposable’ Does Not Mean ‘Flushable’**

Cloth-like material is continuing to be found as the cause of blockages in Shoreview Public Works sewer system lift station pumps. Several times a month, utilities workers are responding to lift station alarms to find stringy cloths blocking the pumps. The material could be anything from shop towels to kitchen and bathroom wipes, but most closely resembles those used for wet floor mopping.

Residents are reminded that if a product claims to be "disposable," it does not mean it's "flushable." Product packaging clearly indicates disposal into a trash can. Also, items claiming to be biodegradable do not necessarily break down well enough to be put into a sewer system.

According to Utilities Supervisor Kevin Chmielewski, blockages to the lift station pumps cause pump failures and could potentially result in sewer backups into homes. "People don't realize the impact of extra wear and tear to these pumps and the result is a shorter life span.

#### **Items you should NOT place in the toilet include:**

"flushable" toilet brushes and pads

"flushable" toilet wipes

wet mopping cloths

cleaning pads and cloths

baby diapers

puppy training pads

If you have questions on how to properly dispose of household waste, contact Shoreview public works at 651-490-4650.