

NOTICE

City of Patterson

PO. Box 367

Patterson, La.

Dear City of Patterson Sewer Customers,

In an effort to address current problems being experienced at the sewer lift station near your home, we are notifying all customers by way of this letter.

We are receiving a high volume of non-biodegradable items, such as, Disposable diapers, Wet-wipes, Cotton swabs, rubber gloves, Tampon applicators, Cigarette butts, Grease, ect., in the lift station wells located throughout the City. None of these items should be poured or flushed into the sewer system. **All Wet Wipes**, including the ones marked "flushable", are not suited to be processed within the sewer treatment plant and pumps. These items create maintenance problems within the station pumps by clogging them up and causing excessive wear. When this happens the pumps do not operate at full capacity therefore causing back-ups, and slow flushing in the system. Removing these pumps from the wet wells and removing clogged debris as well as replacing pumps are very expensive. This drives up the cost of operating and will ultimately affect the sewer rates.

In order to avoid potential problems, please **DO NOT** flush these items. **Only Toilet Paper** is designed to be flushed, along with normal bodily eliminations. The City provides garbage service twice a week, please place the non-flushable items inside a garbage bag and into your garbage can for pick up.

We truly appreciate your cooperation and thank you for your assistance in resolving this situation.

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