Howard Township

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Attention to all residents that are hooked-up to the city sewer.

The township is incurring extra expense on cleaning out the lift stations due to blockage in the sewer lines. This is happening quite often.

Make sure you have **sink strainer**, a type of perforated metal sieve or **mesh strainer**, used to strain or filter out solid debris in the water system in all drains.

Things that ARE not biodegradable to flush down the toilet even if it says on the package that it is.

Baby Wipes
Wet Wipes
Disinfection wipes
Tampons and applicators
Rags
Paper Towels
And anything else except toilet paper

There have been mop heads found in the lift stations. This is happening quite often causing the lift station to malfunction and an extra expense.

If this keeps happening we will have no choice but to raise the sewer bill to pay for the cleaning out of the lift stations.

Residents, who have sump pumps for down spouts drains and/or foundation drains for rain water, should not connect to city sewer lines.

Sincerely,

Howard Township