



Hip, Hip Hoorah!

Milliken Town Hall is officially open!
Regular business hours Monday-Friday 8am-5pm.
All town services available, some on a limited basis
1101 Broad St.
970-587-4331

April 2021

Hello Milliken!

Here we are! A year into this pandemic and no end in sight. It has been hard on all of us. Our lives have been altered for the foreseeable future if not forever. Distancing, isolation, shortages and Masks! But we'll get through it.

Here in the Milliken Water/Wastewater Department we are seeing the effects coming down the pipe (pun intended). Due to the past shortages of toilet paper folks are resorting to alternatives. We are seeing an increase in flushable wipes and other miscellaneous paper products. Our sewer treatment system, and you, the residents of Milliken, are paying the price. Literally.

We have experienced an increase of problems with the sewer and treatment facility. Sewer problems have been attributed to "debris" in the sewer that builds up and stops flow causing the homes upstream to experience sewer backups. The "debris" ranges from flushable wipes to cat litter. As this debris reaches the treatment facility, we experience increased maintenance and repairs. This happens when equipment is forced to process materials it is not designed for. These materials clog, bind up and break equipment because they do not break down or fall apart. The backups, maintenance and repairs can be very costly and time consuming. Not only for the town staff but residents as well.

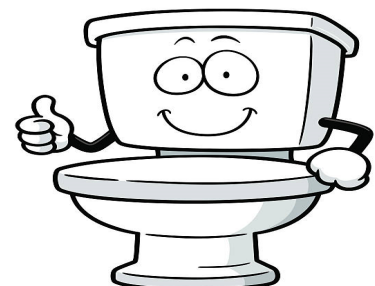
So, what can be flushed? Organic matter consisting of humane waste and food scraps (processed by a garbage disposal). The only non-organic material that should be flushed is toilet paper. Nothing else should be flushed. Not tissues, paper towels, feminine hygiene products, rags, toys (sorry kids), kitty litter or "Flushable Wipes".

Wait! Not flushable wipes? Why not? Here is why. There is no such thing as a truly flushable wipe. Oh, they will flush alright but that is where the flushable definition ends. The wastewater treatment process uses micro-organisms to breakdown and process human waste. Toilet Paper is designed in a way that the fibers separate when introduced to moisture. You have experienced this if you ever tried to wipe up a spill with toilet paper and end up with a wet pile of mush. So, we can use the mush theory to test any other paper product or other material to see if it will be a problem. Put it in a container of water and stir it around. If it does not start to dissolve within seconds it will not dissolve in the sewer or treatment facility and therefore should not be flushed. Thinking about this, moist towelettes and flushable wipes come in a sealed container to keep them damp. Already damp and they haven't even started to dissolve. That would defeat their purpose.

So, please think before you flush. If it does not pass the mush test throw it in the trash. You are not only helping town staff to do their job more effectively, but you could be saving yourself or your neighbor from a nasty sewer backup.

Thank You For Your Help!
Don Stonebrink
Town of Milliken
Water/Wastewater Director

P.S. If you experience a water or sewer emergency please call 970-612-6321



COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Trash PU Mon. 5,12,19,26
 Recycle PU Mon. 5,19
 Mad Russian/Mill Iron
 Recycle Pick-up Mon. 12,26
 *Red=Holiday schedule (Tue.)

Planning Commission, April 7th and 21st at the Meeting House Wed. 7:00pm

Town Board, at the Meeting House, Wed April 14th and the 28th 6:30 pm

Heritage House & Museum Open 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Historical Society, Every 2nd Mon. 6:00 pm at the Heritage House

Milliken Housing Authority, Town Hall Thurs, 15th at 8:30 am

Arbor Day April 16th –Lola Park, planting ceremony at 10am, public is always welcome!

Mobile Food Pantry April 28th 11:30-12:00pm in the parking lot of TRPR

Water/Trash Bill Due April 24th by 5pm

Drive-Thru Senior Meals Monday and Friday 11:30am at Town Hall

THE LIBRARY IN MILLIKEN AND MILL HAUS COFFEE

NOW OPEN!



Coffee, Latte, Paninis Pastries and more!

Coffee Shop Hours:
 Monday - Saturday 6am-2pm
 Library Hours:
 Monday - Friday 8am-2pm Saturday 9am-2pm
 1109 Broad St Milliken

FREE WIFI AND COMPUTER ACCESS

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Emergency 911

Urgent Police Response (24/7) 911

or, 970-587-2772 M-F 8am-5pm

Non-Emergency Police Response 970-356-1212x4

Fire Protection District 970-587-4464

Call before you dig! Locates 811

Town Hall 970-587-4331

Water/Sewer After Hours Emergency 970-612-6321

MILLIKEN SENIOR CENTER
 Planned Events

- APRIL 1ST— Book Club 9:30am in Senior Room
- APRIL 8TH—Toe Time (must have an appt)
- APRIL 13th--Pool Tournament 10am in Senior Room
 Must make a reservation (Space is limited)
- APRIL 20TH— Game Day 10am in Senior Room
- APRIL 27TH —Book Club 10am in Senior Room

Please call Kathy to make reservations to any upcoming event 970-660-5040

A message from Chief Benito with the Milliken Police Department:

The Milliken Police Department has received several calls about solicitors. All solicitors soliciting in the Town of Milliken must register with the Town to receive a permit prior to going door to door. You, as a Milliken resident, have the right to request to see the permit from a solicitor, if they refuse to show you, it may be that they are soliciting illegally without a permit. The soliciting ordinance was enacted to keep our citizens safe from scammers going door to door, therefore, they are required to go through the proper registration process. If at any time you feel that you have been contacted by a solicitor without a license please contact the Milliken Police Department at (970) 587-2772.

