



Warning: Disposable Wipes

Background

FLUSHING facial, baby or household wipes down the drain could cost you and the environment more than you think.

These increasingly popular disposable wipes can now be found in over two thirds of blocked shared drains. They also contribute to flooding as contrary to popular belief they do not easily break down and are not suitable for flushing through toilets. Environmental Health has seen a sharp increase in the number of complaints received from householders over the past couple of years.

As many drains are private and the responsibility of the householder, cost to unblock drains is therefore often shared with surrounding neighbours. It can be difficult to identify where the wipes have come from and understandably many people are unhappy to pay towards the work required due to the actions of others.

Further information

For further information or advice ring United Utilities on 0845 746 2200 or visit www.unitedutilities.com

You can also speak to your local Environmental Protection Team on Warrington 01925 442584 or Halton 0151 907 8300

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