



## Plumber Talk

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### 'Flushable' Wipes Are Bad For Your Pipes



Flushable wipes or baby wipes have increased in popularity among consumers in the last ten years, with mixed results. These wipes were once reserved for use by babies and small children to clean their bodies. Large numbers of adults have found another use, to clean their backside while using the toilet. More and more, people are flushing these 'flushable' wipes down the toilet, causing problems on many levels.

The first area of concern is for the home owner and dealing with these wipes in their sewer system. Homes with older drainage systems, are likely to have areas that cause wipes to hang up, and stop flowing through the pipe. This scenario will cause a blockage in the sewer and water will quickly back up into the home. So-called flushable wipes are supposed to dissolve over a certain amount of time. The time it takes for those wipes to dissolve in a drain pipe, is usually much longer than people want to wait for their drains to work. This is when a plumber's service is needed to fix the clogged pipe and expenses are incurred to the home owner.

The problem with flushable wipes does not stop at the residential level. Local sewer treatment facilities are spending millions of dollars to unclog, repair, and replace sewage pumps, grinders and other equipment. One city in Minnesota is suing the makers of so-called flushable wipes for \$5 million dollars in damages to their sewer treatment facilities.

The bottom line on flushable wipes, is that they are bad for plumbing systems. Many people enjoy the benefits of these moist towlettes on their rear end, and this we all understand. Unless you are prepared for severe financial costs and inconvenience of drains not working, Zing Plumbing does not recommend flushing these down the drain! Fortunately, we are here to help in times of need. Our phone is always on to help through a plumbing situation that requires professional assistance.



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# Irish Peanut Butter Potato Candy

## Ingredients:

1 potato peeled

1 (32oz) package of confectioner's sugar (aka powdered sugar)

1/4 cup creamy peanut butter, or more as needed

## Directions:

Place potato into a saucepan with enough water to cover and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and cook potato until very tender, about 15 minutes. Drain and allow to steam dry for a minute or two.

Transfer potato to a large bowl and mash with a fork until smooth.

Gradually stir confectioner's sugar into mashed potato, a little at a time, until the mixture forms a stiff dough. The dough will be runny until all the powdered sugar is added.

Place a large square of waxed paper onto a work surface. Roll or press dough into a 12-inch square rectangle on the waxed paper.

Spread peanut butter over top of dough, covering it entirely.

Pick up one edge of waxed paper and start rolling the dough to make a 12-inch-long log. Wrap log tightly with waxed paper.

Refrigerate for 1 hour. Unwrap log and slice candy into cross-sectional pieces about 3/4-inch thick to serve.

## Celebrate St. Patrick's Day on March 17th, 2016

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### Daylight Savings Time in Arizona



Arizona is an exception to the rule when it comes to Daylight Savings Time, in the United States. Most of Arizona has no Daylight Savings Time. Most parts of the state of Arizona, except the Navajo Nation community, observe Mountain Standard Time (MST) all year long.

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