The Sussex Borough Water and Sewer Department — is asking people not to flush items such as cloth rags, Chlorox or other antibacterial wipes, or paper towels.

Those items can cause problems when they get to the sewage treatment plant and clog up a devise known as a “grinder pump,” which is not designed to handle those items.

We want to encourage people to dispose of the items properly in the trash and not flush them.

The pipes under the roads Can become plugged by items that should not be flushed.

By flushing cloth rags, Chlorox or other bacterial wipes down the toilet you may block the sewer pipes from your homes to the street. This could cause a back-up into your home. While the town is responsible for the street lines, individual property owners are responsible for the lines from their building to the street.

A good idea for homes and businesses is to put those items used to wipe down surfaces in a separate trash bag and dispose of them in the normal garbage.

The virus won’t disperse through the plastic and is likely destroyed by the disinfectant on the wipe, anyway.