# **Doctor Butler's Flushable Hemorrhoid Wipes**

# Flushability Information Sheet

### The basics

- These 100% plant-based wipes are engineered to break down once flushed
- Even so, not all municipalities allow wipes to be flushed out of an abundance of caution
- Flush one wipe at a time
- Follow local rules

## About our wipes



These 100% plant-based wipes are made only with short plant based fibers (not plastic!), which matters because "sheets made of short, natural fibers are more likely to be flushable compared to ones made of long, plastic fibers," according to the Responsible Flushing Alliance, who say:

"Short fibers pull apart easier, allowing the product to disintegrate once flushed. Meanwhile, long fibers are designed to bend and stretch for those times you need a durable wet wipe. When flushed, these long-fiber wipes, such as baby or cleaning wipes, don't break down in water and can adhere to fats, oils and grease in sewers to form cement-like fatbergs."

That said, some municipalities still require you to throw all wipes away because not every system can accept flushable wipes. Other places, like New York City, strongly <u>urge all residents to throw wipes away</u> to mitigate problems (largely to do with those more durable plastic-based baby wipes) but have no laws requiring disposal as of April 2024.

Ignoring proper disposal instructions may lead to clogs, property damage, or regulatory violations.

### Do not flush wipes if:

- 1. It violates local rules
- 2. Using an RV, marine, or aviation system
- 3. Using a macerator toilet or household pump
- 4. Fat or grease are put in any drain or you are unsure of the system's capability

### Flush wipes if:

- 1. It's permitted by local rules
- 2. You flush one wipe per flush
- 3. There is no history of clogs or back ups
- 4. You follow proper regulations and requirements if using an advanced or innovative onsite wastewater treatment system (aka Alternative septic system)

If a problem is noticed, dispose in trash and stop flushing.