

Trash Those Wipes

Part 1: Wipe, scrub, disinfect. (Repeat). Wipe, scrub, disinfect. Cleaning surfaces that have a lot of contact with people is one of the key strategies for keeping the coronavirus from spreading. Many people are using disposable disinfecting wipes to do that, and that is causing a problem. Users are flushing them down toilets, and they are clogging the pipes of sewer systems. Even wipes that are labeled “flushable” can cause problems, sewer officials say, while others are made of materials that should never be flushed. The problem is that wipes of all kinds don’t break down as easily as toilet paper in sewage systems. And when they don’t break down, they can cause clogs and blockages. To keep systems running smoothly, experts say, throw all wipes in the trash after using them for cleaning surfaces.

Part 2: Disinfecting surfaces that a lot of people touch is hugely important for preventing the spread of the coronavirus. In the newspaper or online, find and closely read stories about businesses or institutions that are doing this. Use what you read to create a series of newspaper, Internet or TV ads reminding people of the importance of disinfecting frequently used surfaces. Give your ads a theme and write out bullet points that each should cover. List images you would use to illustrate your ads.