

## RUMFORD-MEXICO SEWERAGE DISTRICT

***“With the current shortage of toilet paper caused by fear of the COVID-19 virus, the Rumford-Mexico Sewerage District would like to remind residents not to flush wipes, baby wipes and paper towels as they have been proven to create sewer blockages and downtime in the wastewater treatment plant. If not treated properly, human feces and urine and other body fluids can cause diseases and spread viruses. They include hepatitis A, E. coli, rotovirus and norovirus. Please be considerate to your neighbors and surrounding communities by using a safe alternative to toilet paper such as reusable cloth towels that can be laundered. Solid waste contaminated with human body fluids such as feces are considered bio-hazardous wastes and require specialized collection and disposal techniques which are cumbersome. Let us all work together to minimize health risks in the community not only for the COVID-19 outbreak, but for all viruses of potential impact to our communities. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention has a free website about COVID-19 which is very informative and can be found at the following link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/index.html>. Thank you and be safe!”***

*Sincerely,*

*Roland M. Arsenault, Superintendent  
Rumford-Mexico Sewerage District*