The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the use of disposable wipes in households across the United States, and Minerva is no exception.

However, as residents try to maintain a clean environment, the Village of Minerva asks that they not discard disposable wipes, paper towels and similar products of any kind by flushing them down the toilet and into the sanitary sewer system. Instead, please place these items into the garbage for disposal.

With the increase of these items, issues have been occurring to the community's wastewater collection system and treatment plant, even if the item's manufacturer says it is a "flushable" product. The disposable wipes have clogged sewers and caused backups, creating an additional public health risk in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We ask that residents dispose of these "flushable" wipes or towels by throwing them in the trash.