

# Anchor Fabrication Stops Costly Plumbing Issues with Sofidel's Dissolve Tech Paper Towels

Company avoids spending as much as  
\$41,600 annually on plumbing



## PROBLEM

At Anchor Fabrication's LaVergne facility, persistent plumbing issues were causing major disruptions and costs. Employees were flushing paper towels down toilets, leading to sewer line clogs. With seven bathrooms across three buildings feeding into shared lines, the issue was happening weekly, resulting in plumber visits that cost \$600 to \$800 per visit. Over a year, that can add up to as much as \$41,600 (\$800 x 52 weeks) in annual plumbing costs, in addition to lost productivity and frustration. Bathroom closures also inconvenienced employees and visitors, including prospective customers, and diverted maintenance teams away from production-critical tasks.

"Every time I had to have a plumber out, it was going to cost us \$600 to \$800, and if I'm doing that weekly, you can see how fast that adds up," said Johnny Shoemake, Maintenance Manager, Anchor Fabrication.

## SOLUTION

To address the problem at its source, Anchor Fabrication switched to Sofidel's Dissolve Tech paper

towels at its LaVergne site. Dissolve Tech offers the durability of a hand towel but dissolves like toilet paper when flushed, reducing the risk of clogs. After seeing immediate improvement, Anchor adopted the product at their Smithville facility as well.

"It was truly an employee issue, but when we were introduced to the Dissolve Tech paper towels, it just made sense," Shoemake said. "If someone flushes it, it dissolves like toilet paper and doesn't clog the lines."

Since rolling out Dissolve Tech paper towels, clogs have been reduced by 90% resulting in potential savings of up to \$41,600 per year in plumbing costs.

"The remaining issues are not paper related. When we do have a clog now, we send a camera down and it's never a paper towel issue anymore," Shoemake said.

"It's not just about costs—it's also about the inconvenience. We've had to shut down entire sections of bathrooms before, including those used by visitors and customers," Shoemake said.

**Bathrooms stay open and presentable for employees and visiting customers. Maintenance teams also now stay focused on mission-critical equipment, not plumbing emergencies.**

## RESULTS

- Clogs reduced by more than 90%
- Plumbing costs have dropped dramatically, with potential savings as much as \$41,600 annually
- Bathrooms remain open and clean for employees and guests, and workers can focus on production-critical activities

Thanks to Dissolve Tech, Anchor Fabrication found a simple, cost-effective solution to a messy and expensive challenge—one that keeps their facilities running smoothly and looking professional.