

# Monroe Township Municipal Authority News

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In light of the constantly changing conditions of the COVID-19 pandemic, Monroe Township would like to remind everyone to take the necessary precautions to protect themselves and their families during this time of uncertainty. At this point in time, prevention is the best course of action. Please remember to be vigilant and practice the following simple actions: Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 30 seconds several times a day; Cover your mouth with your arm (not your hands) when you sneeze or cough; Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth; Cleaning and sanitization of frequently touched surfaces and objects; Practice social distancing and avoidance of those who are sick with respiratory symptoms; Limit non-essential travel; Limit group meetings and social gatherings; Stay at home as much as possible, this is especially important for individuals at higher risk.

At this time all township meetings have been cancelled or held remotely. If you are planning on attending a meeting during the next few months please check the website or call the office first to determine if the meeting will take place and to find out how it will be held.

## **Reminder - What not to Flush: Common Sense Rules**

Residents on public sewers are reminded to only dispose of toilet paper, human waste and gray water into the sewer system. Gray water is water that has been used for things like bathing, cleaning, and laundry.

Do not flush:

- Rags, towels, cleaning cloths or wipes (even if the packaging says they are flushable!)
- Disposable diapers
- Paper towels or napkins
- Feminine paper products
- Oil and grease
- Paint and solvents

When the above items are disposed of into sinks or toilets, they create maintenance problems for our sewer system, which translate to increased costs and ultimately increased user fees. These products must be disposed of properly through domestic trash or an appropriate recycling center.

## *Always Invited*

All of Monroe's meetings are open to the public.

Please feel free to attend to see firsthand all that goes into supporting our hometown and to maybe see how you can get involved.

Check out Monroe Township's website for more information, previous newsletters and the meeting schedules for all of our Township's leadership boards; Board of Supervisor, Recreation, Municipal Authority, Planning Commission & Zoning Hearing.

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717-697-4613

1220 Boiling Springs Rd,  
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Turn over for more information



## **Reminder – Check Your Sewer Clean Out Caps**

With nice weather arriving please take moment to locate your sewer clean outs and make sure the caps are in place and not broken or damaged in any way.

Most homes typically have two sewer clean outs that are connected underground to the sewer lateral. One clean out is near where your sewer lateral exits the house and the other is at the right of way where the lateral connects to the sewer main.

Clean outs are commonly PVC pipe, but can be cast iron on older connections, about four to six inches in diameter and stick out of the ground. However, it is not uncommon for the clean out to be at ground level or even slightly buried. There should be a cap that screws into the pipe and prevents ground water from entering the sewer system. It is critical for the cap to be on and in good condition, especially when the clean out is low to the ground. If the cap or the pipe is damaged, ground water will enter the sewer. When ground water enters the system, our treatment costs increase.

Damage to the cap can be easily caused by aging, lawnmowers and other work that could have occurred in close proximity to the clean out. Please locate and regularly check your clean outs. If the cap or pipe is damaged, please contact the Township Office (717-258-6642 or 717-697-4613) we will be happy to provide a replacement and advise on possible repairs.

Thank you for helping to maintain our system and control costs.

## **Sewer Bill Online Payments and e-Billing Customer Portal**

The portal provides you with the opportunity to create an account through self-registration to access your account information and activity online, including paying your bills via electronic payment. The option to sign up for e-Billing is also available. If you are interested in creating a customer portal account go to <https://monroetwp.authoritypay.com/> and click on Set Up Online Access.

Stay tuned for more information on various related subjects.  
Any questions at all, please feel free to contact your Township office.