NEW TRUCKS FIGHT BACK AGAINST THE WIND

Windy Western Pennsylvania winters provide a serious challenge to those collecting recycling in the Township.

A fleet of new trucks from Vogel Disposal Service, the Township’s waste management provider, aims to keep loose items from blowing in the wind. The trucks feature a side-loading arm that extends up to 8 feet out to pick up recycling bins. The arms then dump into the truck’s storage area, which is surrounded by wind-blocking panels to reduce the number of loose items escaping into neighborhoods.

Five new trucks began rolling through Township neighborhoods in early January. Remember it is important to keep recyclables unbagged – unlike your trash, which should all be placed into bags.

LOGGING ON

New Wastewater Treatment Plant Now Online

An eight-year project to expand the Township’s Brush Creek Treatment Plant recently wrapped, improving and expanding the way the Township handles and treats wastewater.

The plant, nestled between the Turnpike and Powell Road, included the consolidation of pump stations and a new arrangement of wastewater pumps and high-powered odor scrubbers. The plant now processes an average daily flow of approximately 8 million gallons a day, with the possibility of handling 23 million gallons at once.

The highlight of the project is the new membrane bioreactor tanks. Comprised of thousands of white, rubber cords, the membranes have holes smaller than bacteria that allow water to pass through while potentially harmful biology stays behind. The result is cleaner water that far exceeds environmental standards.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR STORMWATER RATE PAYMENT

The Township’s new stormwater rate went into effect at the beginning of January.

The rate will help address increased stormwater requirements from the U.S. EPA and PA’s Department of Environmental Protection.

The line-item on sewer, water and trash bills will cost a single-family home $3 per month.

All stormwater-only customers have the option of pre-paying the stormwater rate for the entire year. In addition, all customers, are offered a $1 per month credit on their total utility bill for using e-billing and autopay.

This can be done by contacting Customer Service at 724-776-4806. Failure to pay the stormwater rate could ultimately result in a lien placed on the property.

PORTAL HELPS TO TRACK WATER USAGE

The Township’s new Water Meter Portal gives in-depth data related to water usage. Customers can compare usage to other time periods, set usage limits and alerts and get up-to-date information that could help identify leaks, breaks or excessive usage.

More information: CranberryTownship.org/WaterMeter
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