RULES ON FAT, OIL AND GREASE DISPOSAL ARE CRYSTAL CLEAR

It’s an easy mistake to make: cleaning up after making dinner and putting a dirty pan or plate into the sink or dishwasher. However, that greasy dinnerware can be costly – to the tune of several thousands of dollars – if done frequently enough over time.

When fats, oils and grease – FOG - break down, they create a soap-like by-product that combines with other materials that stick to the walls of pipes. FOG also combines with food, flushable wipes and chemicals to create blockages within the system.

Over time, that material hardens, turning a liquid sludge into a concrete blockage – a process similar to the hardening of a person’s arteries.

Nearly half of sewer line backups are caused by FOG, and the cost to find a blockage and remove it on a 40-foot sewer line could average $2,500.

The problems don’t stop there, as the Township’s Brush Creek Water Treatment Plant must remove the FOG from wastewater before it can be further treated. It is the lengthiest part of the water treatment process.

Residents should be proactive to limit the amount of these materials they are putting down their drains. Be sure to thoroughly scrape plates into the garbage and avoid using garbage disposals that add solids to the wastewater system.

Grease should never be dumped down the sink. Instead, it should be disposed of properly.

These small, extra steps can go a long way in ensuring wastewater is flowing free and clear.

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 the state’s Department of Environmental Protection.

The line-item on sewer, water and trash bills will cost a single-family home $3 per month. Customers have the option of pre-paying the stormwater rate for the entire year. In addition, 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.

COOL CUSTOMER: PORTAL HELPS TO TRACK WATER USAGE

The Township’s 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.

To sign up, visit: CranberryTownship.org/WaterMeter
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