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Aerial Photograph of PLBMUA

We at the Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority will periodically issue this newsletter to educate and keep our customers up-to-date on current activities at the Authority.

The Pompton Lakes Municipal Utilities Authority holds regular monthly meetings on the third Monday of every month at 6:00 PM. The meetings are held at the Authorities' Building located at 2000 Lincoln Avenue, Pompton Lakes, New Jersey. We encourage public interest and participation in community matters affecting our drinking water.

Oil and Grease, Down the Drain?

From your sewer line to the treatment plant, oil and grease is detrimental to the whole system. Grease and oil poured down the drain will build up and over time, blocking the flow of wastewater in your sewer lines. This can cause serious sewer back up problems resulting in expensive clean ups and damage to your home or business. If grease accumulates in the system, the municipal sewers will clog causing a similar back up situation. The blockage can also cause wastewater to go septic and smell like rotten eggs. Once grease reaches the treatment plant, it is very difficult to treat and can end up causing serious problems.

To keep grease out of our system, follow these simple disposal instructions.

- Put grease and oil in collection containers and dispose in the trash.
- Remove oil and grease from kitchen utensils, equipment and food preparation areas with scrapers/towels.
- Keep grease out of wash water.
- Finally, place food scraps in collection containers.

Please be mindful of what you deposit down your drain and the effects it may have.

"We can no longer address drought emergencies on a crisis-to-crisis basis, but must proactively conserve and protect our water supplies for the future," DEP Commissioner Bradley Campbell said in a statement. It is important to be conscious of your water consumption. Check out www.wateruseitwisely.com and similar websites to learn ways you can conserve water.

Sewer Backup Insurance

Contrary to popular belief, most homeowners' insurance policies do not provide coverage for sewer backups. Customers can lessen possible sewer-related damages and expenses by phoning their property insurance provider to

inquire about additional insurance. While only a few of our customers experience a sewer backup each year, we know it can be a stressful experience. Therefore, we encourage anyone on a public sewer system to have such coverage.

If you have any questions concerning your drinking water or any suggestions for this newsletter please contact John F. Wegele, or Andrea Giallorenzo at the Pompton Lakes M.U.A. office, # 973.839.3044. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 5:00 pm. Also, visit our website at www.plbmua.org.