

LAWN WATERING TIPS...

- *Watering your lawn early in the day can save you time and water.* After 10 a.m. evaporation takes moisture out of the soil, so watering does not get absorbed efficiently. Running the sprinkler at night can lead to root rot and creates excessive moisture that is promotes lawn disease.
- *Give your lawn a good soaking.* Light sprinkling can damage your lawn by discouraging deep, solid roots. Lawns without deep root growth are less resistant to drought and more prone to winter kill.
- *Water your grass only when it needs it.* You don't have to water on a set schedule. To test if your grass needs to be watered, step on the grass. If it springs back up, you don't need to water. If it stays flat, it's time to water.

Lawn Watering Tips courtesy of American Water Works Association.

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**POMPTON LAKES WELL
WATER-
“BEST TASTING IN THE
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Great American Water Taste Test Award

(From Right to Left) John F. Wegele, Operations Manager and Kevin P. Carroll, Vice Chairman and Water Commissioner displaying the award for being one of the “Best Tasting Water in the Nation.”

“BEST TASTING WATER IN THE NATION”

As the winning contestant of the Best Tasting Water in the state, the Borough of Pompton Lakes was able to send a water sample to the National Rural Association's Great American Water Taste Test in Washington, D.C. This contest was held on April 19, 2005 on Capitol Hill. There, Pompton Lakes Borough MUA water was judged against the winning samples from the other forty-nine states in the country. *Although Pompton Lakes did not win first place, we did receive an award for being among the best tasting in the nation.*



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RECYCLING MOTOR OIL...

Recycling your motor oil helps the environment, saves energy and protects your drinking water. *Used motor oil from a single oil change can ruin a million gallons of fresh water. A year's supply of water for 50 people!*

Prevention starts with you. Here are some steps to begin recycling used motor oil and helping the environment.

- 1) REMOVE. Do not spill any oil on the ground.
- 2) CONTAIN. Put your used motor oil in a clean plastic container with a tight lid. Never store used oil in a container that once held chemicals, food or beverage.
- 3) DO NOT MIX.
- 4) RECYCLE. Take used motor oil to a service station or other location that collects used motor oil for recycling.

To find used oil collection centers, call 1-800-CLEANUP or visit www.cleanup.org

This information is courtesy of the EPA "You dump it, You drink it" campaign. For more information on managing used motor oil, visit EPA on the web: www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/usedoil/index.htm

FALL HYDRANT FLUSHING...

The Fall Hydrant flushing program will be conducted in October between the hours of midnight and 6 am.

Hydrant flushing is a beneficial practice for a number of reasons.

- It increases the movement or velocity of the water through the water mains. This action helps to remove any sediment that may have accumulated over time in the water mains.
- Flushing also helps maintain a free chlorine residual in the system. A residual is required by the New Jersey DEP to ensure that the system is being properly disinfected.
- In addition, during the flushing process each hydrant is tested for proper operation.

The flushing process is designed to remove any sediment in the water main and may temporarily discolor your water. If this discoloration occurs, simply run your cold water faucets for about 5-10 minutes to make sure the water is clear.

Did you receive the annual Water Quality Report? If not, come down to the MUA and pick one up! It's good reading and very informative!

If you have any questions concerning your drinking water or any suggestions for this newsletter please contact John F. Wegele, Andrea Giallorenzo or Kathleen Shortway 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 to view previous newsletter in our archives.