

MARK OUT FLAGS



Have you seen blue and green flags around town similar to the ones shown in the picture above?

It is a New Jersey state law that any contractor or person planning to dig must call for a utility mark-out three days before excavation. When requesting a mark out, the person is asking that any underground pipe, line or conduit that might be passing through the dig site be identified by color-coded paint and flags.

Although mark out flags and paint are a little aesthetically displeasing, mark outs are very important for several reasons. First and foremost, mark outs ensure safe digging. Horrible accidents result when digging occurs without proper knowledge of the location of underground utilities, such as gas or water. Another reason, if a line were hit, utility service would be interrupted proving a serious inconvenience to many affected residents. Both the flags and paint play an important role and should not be removed at any time.

Blue- Water
Green- Sewer
White-
Proposed
Excavation

Always remember- Call
before you dig!
#(800) 272-1000

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LET'S MAKE IT **CRYSTAL CLEAR**

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**POMPTON LAKES BOROUGH
MUNICIPAL UTILITIES
AUTHORITY WELL WATER
PUT TO THE TEST AND CAME
OUT ON TOP...AGAIN
"BEST TASTING IN THE STATE
TWO YEARS IN A ROW"**

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Presentation of Best Tasting Water Award – Some of the Pompton Lakes MUA staff displaying the Best Tasting Drinking Water Award. Top row, from Left to Right; Office Manager, Kathleen Shortway, Operations Manager, John Wegele, Earl Decker, Bill Woll. Bottom Row, from Left to Right; Sherry Pete, Laboratory Manager, Andrea Giallorenzo, Doug Shortway, and Chris Brown.

“BEST TASTING WATER IN THE STATE TWO YEARS IN A ROW”

The Pompton Lakes Borough Municipal Utilities Authority (PLBMUA) is pleased to announce that Pompton Lakes was voted Best Tasting Water in the state for the *second year in a row*. The PLBMUA entered a water sample in the New Jersey Water Association (NJWA) Third Annual Drinking Water Taste Test. The taste test was held at the NJWA Management and Technical Conference held at Caesars Atlantic City Hotel and Casino on September 21-22, 2005.

The sample submitted by the PLBMUA and others from various utilities in the state were tasted and rated by a panel of five judges, representing federal, state, and local government. NJWA hosts the Conference each year in an effort to provide a place for water and wastewater professionals to learn about arising technologies and solutions in the field.

Once again, the PLBMUA is eligible to compete with the best in the Nation and will submit a sample in the National Rural Water Association “6th Annual Great American Water Taste Test” in Washington D.C. on April 4, 2006.

WHY DOES MY WATER SOMETIMES HAVE SEDIMENT AND MAY CAUSE STAINING OF LAUNDRY?

Dirty or discolored water results from iron and manganese sediment that is commonly present in your pipes. When a disruption occurs, the sediment stirs up and comes out in the water. Disruptions are caused by a number of common practices; such as, street sweeping, fire department drills, hydrant flushing, construction work, water main breaks, etc. *This sediment is not a health risk, but can be aesthetically displeasing.* Simply run your cold water for 5-10 minutes until the water runs clear.

The MUA conducts both spring and fall hydrant flushing to minimize problems in the distribution system. 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 to ensure fire safety.



WATER FACTS

According to the National Water Works Association, the average household uses...

- 2-7 gallons of water to flush the toilet.
- 25-50 gallons of water to shower
- 2 gallons of water to brush teeth
- 12-120 gallons of water to run an automatic dishwasher

In total, the average residence uses 107,000 gallons of water per year. This usage would cost approximately \$170 for a Pompton Lakes resident. If bottled water were used, at the average cost of \$0.75 per gallon, the total yearly would cost \$80,250.

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 newsletters in our archives.

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!