



UMHJSA Newsletter

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This newsletter is published by the Authority to keep its service area customers up-to-date on current and new projects and activities.

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A Reminder Note: Our Administration Office hours are 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. Payments may be put in the mail slot at other times---no cash, please---checks or money orders only!!

The Upper Moreland-Hatboro Joint Sewer Authority provides collection, conveyance and treatment of wastewater from its customers in Hatboro Borough and Upper Moreland Township, and services portions of Bryn Athyn Borough, Horsham Township, Upper Dublin Township and Warminster Township.

Sewer Backing Up? If your sewer is backing up, call us before you call a plumber. We'll determine where the problem is, and advise you what needs to be done at no charge. We're the Authority--call us at 215-659-1462.

Important!! When you pay your bill by check, please put the complete account number on it. We want to be sure your payment is credited to the proper account.

A reminder for "Blue Card" customers— Some customers in our service area have wells and report their usage on a blue post card. These cards must be returned by the 21st of the respective month to avoid having a member of our staff come to read your meter. A \$25.00 service fee will be added to any account which requires UMHJSA personnel to make an onsite visit.

Tour your Authority's Plant – Arrange for a tour of your Authority's plant by calling 215-659-1462. Be sure to take a look at the laboratory. Here, technicians conduct regular tests to monitor the plant influent, internal processes and effluent in order to detect changes and to assure that the plant is meeting its requirements for producing clean water. Samples are usually taken on an hourly and daily basis, and results are reported to governmental agencies.

Remember—water is a finite resource. We have all we will ever get. Conserve and use it wisely!

FOG = FATS, OIL AND GREASE—
These three are among the worst culprits causing sewer blockages. Be sure to wipe the FOG from your cooking utensils before washing them. Dispose of the residue in your trash.

Household Hazardous Wastes (HHW)
are items you use around your home such as cleaners, paints and pesticides that are hazardous in nature, but are not regulated under federal or state laws. Improper use, storage and disposal can harm human health, the wastewater treatment plant and the environment.

Check labels for the signal words—poison, danger, warning or caution. Products labeled “poison” or “danger” are the most hazardous. Keep these products out of reach of children and pets.

NEVER dispose of unused chemicals into sink drains or storm drains. For proper disposal, take them to a HHW collection center offered by Montgomery County. You can call their Recycling Hotline at 610-278-3618 for more information.

Safe alternatives do exist! Purchase environmentally friendly products. Substitute ingredients such as lemon juice, baking soda and salt for harmful cleaning products. Check the website www.earth911.dom for helpful hints.

Prevent Sewer Backups—You can reduce your chance of sewer backup damage if you:

- Avoid flushing diapers, paper towels or plastic products
- Minimize use of your garbage disposal and keep grease out of drains.
- Disconnect floor drains and sump pumps from the sewer

NEVER, NEVER dispose of medicines by flushing them away. Pills will dissolve. Pills and liquid medicines **CANNOT BE TREATED**. Thus they will contaminate the water for the downstream users.

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