



Just A Friendly Reminder..


WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SEWER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (3-YEAR PUMP-OUT PROGRAM)

As many of you are aware, Washington Township's On-lot Sewage Disposal Facilities Ordinance No. 1995-1 requires a sewage management program. This program is mandated by PA DEP and requires that residents with on-lot sewage disposal systems have their septic tanks, holding tanks, or cesspools pumped out within a specified time frame.

The purpose of this notice is to outline how this program will be administered in a way that is both fair to residents and in compliance with the law. We have split the Township geographically into three cycles. This is necessary due to the logistics of administration and record keeping. Each of you will be identified as belonging to Cycle 1, Cycle 2, or Cycle 3. Each cycle is a three-year cycle and cycles will overlap:

Cycle 1: Started on January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2010. You are required to have your septic tank, holding tank, or cesspool pumped by a licensed septic waste hauler that is registered with Washington Township. You must have your system pumped at least once during this three-year period. Please be sure registered hauler completes the pump-out report form and returns white copy to the Washington Township Office at 120 Barto Road, Barto, PA 19504. If you already had your system pumped and reported this as required, you were not required to pump again until Cycle 1 began again, which was **January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2013; January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2016; and January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2019. The current cycle is January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022.** This means it is possible to have a gap of more than three years between your first and second pump-out. This is acceptable as long as you pump at least once within your 3-year cycle each time your cycle begins again.

Cycle 2: Started on January 1, 2009 through December 31, 2011. You are required to have your septic tank, holding tank, or cesspool pumped by a licensed septic waste hauler that is registered with Washington Township. You must have your system pumped at least once during this three-year period. Please be sure registered hauler completes the pump-out report form and returns white copy to the Washington Township Office at 120 Barto Road, Barto, PA 19504. If you already had your system pumped and reported this



as required, you will not be required to pump again until Cycle 2 begins again. The cycle began again on **January 1, 2012 through December 31, 2014; January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017; and January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020. The current cycle is January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2023.** This means it is possible to have a gap of more than three years between your first and second pump-out. This is acceptable as long as you pump at least once within your 3-year cycle each time your cycle begins again.

Cycle 3: Started on January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2012. You are required to have your septic tank, holding tank, or cesspool pumped by a licensed septic waste hauler that is registered with Washington Township. You must have your system pumped at least once during this three-year period. Please be sure the registered hauler completes the pump-out report form and returns the white copy to the Washington Township Office at 120 Barto Road, Barto, PA 19504. The cycle began again on **January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2015; and January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018; January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021 and the current cycle is January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2024.** This means it is possible to have a gap of more than three years between your first and second pump-out. This is acceptable as long as you pump at least once within your 3-year cycle each time your cycle begins again.

You may, of course, pump more often if necessary and do not need to report additional pump-outs beyond that which you are required to report.

Some of you may have pumped just prior to your cycle beginning. *This does not remove you of your responsibility to pump at least once per three-year cycle.*

The Township suggests that you keep your copy of last pump out (pink copy) for proof of pumping and to write down what Cycle your property is in. If you are unsure of what Cycle your property is in, please contact the Township office for that information at 610-845-7760.

As we near the end of each cycle, a reminder notice will be sent to those of you who have not yet submitted your pump-out report. If the cycle ends and you still have not submitted your report, you will be turned over to our **Sewage Enforcement Officer** for enforcement. *NOTE: Pumper is required to return the white copy of this form to Washington Township. Homeowner is responsible to ensure that the Township receives its copy.*

Regular maintenance of your septic system will prolong the life and reduce the instance of health hazards and nuisance violations within Washington Township. A complete list of registered septic haulers can be found on our website at www.washtwpberks.org or a copy can be picked up at the Township Office. *We thank you for your cooperation!*

*Sincerely,
Washington Township*