



WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP SEWAGE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM NOTICE - 2024

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 Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) 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 resident will be identified as belonging to Cycle 1, Cycle 2, or Cycle 3. Each cycle is a three-year cycle and cycles will overlap. Residents are required to have their septic tank, holding tank, or cesspool pumped by a licensed septic waste hauler that is registered with 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. Residents must have their system pumped at least once during their three-year cycle period. Please be sure a 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.

Current Cycle Periods

Cycle 1: January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2025.

Cycle 2: January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2026

Cycle 3: January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2024.

Residents may, of course, pump more often if necessary and do not need to report additional pump-outs beyond that which they are required to report. The Township suggests that residents keep a copy of last pump out (pink copy) for proof of pumping and to write down their properties' Cycle. If a resident is unsure of what Cycle their property is in, please contact the Township office for that information at (610) 845-7760.

Near the end of each cycle, a reminder notice will be sent to residents who have not yet submitted their pump-out report. If the cycle ends and a resident has still not submitted their pump-out report form, they will be turned over to the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer for enforcement. NOTE: Pumpers are required to return the white copy of this form to Washington Township. Residents are responsible to ensure that the Township receives its copy.

Regular maintenance of your septic system will prolong its life and reduce the instance of health hazards and nuisance violations within Washington Township.

We thank you for your cooperation!