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Use Less Water, Save \$\$\$

Your water usage affects your sewer bill. Use less water and save.

- Run your clothes washer & dishwasher when full—appliances work best when fully loaded and you use less water! Don't pre-rinse your dishes, scrape food into trash—the dishwasher will do the rest!

- Fix Drips in Tubs, Faucets and Spigots—drips can add up—a leaky faucet can waste 300 gallons per year. Most leaks are easily repaired and will save you money.

- Reduce the Amount of Water You Are Flushing Away! Newer toilets are designed to use less water when flushed. You can also reduce water used per flush by displacing water in the tank by using a brick or sand-filled closed plastic container.

- Consider a “WaterSense” Labeled Shower Head—Set your shower to your normal bathing pressure and set a one-gallon bucket beneath it. If the bucket fills in less than 24 seconds, you can conserve water by switching to an EPA WaterSense labeled shower head. In most cases you will not feel a difference in pressure.

- Install a Rain Barrel. A rain barrel connected to your downspout conserves water by using rainwater to water your lawn, trees, gardens, and flower beds. A rain barrel reduces excess run-offs that cause ice on your sidewalks and driveways.

We hope this information is helpful in not only lowering your water and sewer bills, but for doing our part to protect our environment and conserve a valuable resource.

Your Winter Plumbing Checklist

Keep the water pipes in your home safe this frigid winter season by following these helpful tips.

- Insulate your water pipes, both hot and cold. Pipes in basement, crawl spaces, garages, and outdoors are prone to freezing. A burst pipe can be damaging and expensive.

- Know how to shut your water off. Locate your main shut-off valve and identify.

- Eliminate drafts in your homes—caulk those areas and seal windows.

- Let faucets drip during cold snaps.

- Outdoor hoses should be removed and stored. If available, shutoff outdoor water supply.



- If your pipes do freeze, shut off main water valve. Assess any damage. Pipes can be warmed with a hair dryer.

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MEETINGS

January 26
February 23
March 23
April 27
May 25
June 22

Meetings are held in
the Authority office:
601 East Elm St.
Conshohocken

Meeting time 6:30 pm

The Authority Board has adopted an Operating Budget for the year 2021. The Operating Budget can be viewed on the Authority's website at: conshohockensa.com.



Happy Holidays from The Staff at BCA



Be Ready! Winter Weather

Weatherproof your home to protect against the cold.

- Install a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector in your home.
- Have your chimney or flue inspected every year.
- Make sure the batteries are working!
- Insulate walls and attic.
- Caulk and weather-strip doors and windows.

Check out more tips on winter weather indoor safety.

Never leave lit candles or other flames unattended.

Bring your pets indoors as temperatures drop!

Prepare yourself for exposure to winter weather.

- Dress warmly and limit exposure to the cold to prevent frostbite.
- Avoid getting wet to prevent hypothermia.

If power lines are down, call your local utility and emergency services

If power lines fall on your car, warn people not to touch the car or power lines.

Make sure your car is ready for winter travel.

- Check antifreeze level and have radiator system serviced.
- Replace worn tires and check tire air pressure.
- Keep gas tank full to avoid ice in tank and fuel lines.
- Make a winter emergency kit to keep in your car.

www.cdc.gov/phpr/infographics.htm

KEEP CALM AND WASH YOUR HANDS

COVID-19 No Flush List

More time at home sometimes means more “Bad” items disposed of down the toilet

Remember: Do Not Flush

- Baby wipes
- Metal or Plastic
- Pesticides
- Fat, Grease, Oil
- Tampons
- Paper towels
- Diapers
- Pharmaceuticals
- Paint
- Cat litter