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## Odor Control Vital to All

In 2017 the Borough of Conshohocken Authority Installed an odor control system to address an evident odor problem. This system consists of the enclosing of existing treatment tanks, extensive ductwork to collect odors and a vessel filled with a carbon media derived from coconut shells to filter odors before releasing the conditioned air into the environment. The vessel is designed to hold 390 cubic feet of carbon media. In addition to collecting odors from the Dewatering Building, the following treatment tanks that were enclosed are:

- Pump Station Wet Well
- Grit Removal Station
- Both Aerobic Digestors
- Sludge Thickener Tank

Completed in 2018, the cost of the odor control project was just over \$2 million. The Authority received \$2 million in a Local Share Account grant from the Pennsylvania Department of Community Economic Development. The carbon media was replaced recently, as recommended within five-year intervals. As a result of this project, the Authority has seen a dramatic decrease in odors and odor-related complaints. The Authority is dedicated to keeping odors to an absolute minimum and maintaining our role as a good neighbor.



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### MEETINGS

**October 26**  
**November 23**  
**December 28**  
**January 25**  
**February 22**  
**March 22**

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

Meeting time 6:30 pm

## Water conservation a smart way to 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.

# Never too early to prepare for winter

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.

## To Flush or Not To Flush

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

### Remember: Do Not Flush

- X Baby Wipes or diapers
- X Feminine Products
- X Pharmaceuticals
- X Fat, Grease, Oil
- X Paper Towels
- X Pesticides
- X Cat litter
- X Paint



## Authority to Resume Liens for Delinquent Accounts

During the pandemic, the Authority instituted a moratorium on placing liens on properties with past due accounts. Beginning with the September 2021 billing, the Authority will resume the lien process for overdue accounts.

If you are having difficulty paying your bill, please call the Authority at (610) 828-0979 to set up a payment plan.

Here is how the lien process works:

- Bills are due 30 days after the bill date

• Account holders with balances over \$250 will receive a 30-day lien letter if property has not already had a lien placed against it.

- Liens are implemented for every balance of \$250 or more in \$250 increments.