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Lower Stormwater Bill

Would you like to reduce the amount of your bill? The Borough of Conshohocken Authority has adopted four ways in which storm water credits can be obtained to reduce your stormwater bill.

- Peak Rate Control / Volume Control Structural Best Management Practices
- Rain Barrel Rebate
- Education Credit
- Stormwater Partnership Credit

Detailed explanations for all four of these credit opportunities can be found at the Authority's website (www.conshohockensa.com) by clicking the Stormwater tab and selecting the "Stormwater Management Program Credit and Appeals Manual."

To be eligible for a credit, the property must have been assigned a stormwater management program (SMP) fee and there must not be any outstanding and unpaid SMP fees against the property. Property owners must submit the appropriate credit application along with any documentation required by the Authority.



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MEETINGS

October 22
November 19
December 17
January 21
February 18
March 18

Meetings are held in
the Borough Hall:
400 Fayette Street
Conshohocken

Meeting time 6:30 pm

Conshohocken Authority is Hiring

The Borough of Conshohocken Authority is currently looking to hire a new team member. We are seeking to hire someone in the role of Utility Person, which is an entry level position, though we would consider hiring someone with more experience. Having a valid Pennsylvania Commercial Driver's License

and/or extensive background in mechanics or electrical are not required but would qualify a candidate for a higher starting rate.

The Wastewater industry is too often overlooked due to the notion of nobody wanting to work with wastewater.

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How to apply

If interested in joining the Borough of Conshohocken Authority team, visit our website at www.conshohockensa.com to view the complete job description and application.

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In fact, wastewater is one of the more lucrative and rewarding careers one can get into without a college degree. Facilities will train you in-house and pay for classes, exams, and continuing education. Additional licensing for CDL and DEP certifications qualifies you for higher compensation and career advancement.

Wastewater is more than just collecting dirty water. After collecting wastewater

from homes and businesses, we disinfect it and discharge it into the river under stringent DEP requirements. Not only is this imperative in protecting our fish, wildlife and fellow humans that live and play by the river, the river is where the water company takes water to purify and supply drinking water for residents' homes.

There are numerous wastewater associations that offer industry news, training, legislation, and information to help you

make the most of your career. Many of these organizations host quarterly meetings and annual conventions that include trade shows with vendors, contractors and professionals to keep you up to date with equipment and service solutions. There is an enormous wastewater community full of experience, knowledge and support of our common mission which is to treat and preserve one of the world's most vital resources ... clean water.

Tips to Avoid Frozen Pipes This Winter

Leaky pipes that go unnoticed can easily become broken pipes, and in freezing temperatures even healthy pipes are vulnerable. Here are ways to prevent pipes from breaking and causing damage and costly repairs:

- Insulate exposed pipes and faucets outside and around your home, including those in unheated areas like basements, garages, attics or crawl-spaces.
- In severe cold, let cold water drip from faucets served by exposed pipes. Running a drip of water through the pipes helps prevent pipes from freezing because the temperature of the water is above freezing.
- If a pipe does break on your property, know where your water meter is and how to turn water off immediately to avoid further damage and water waste. Assess the damage immediately. Pipes can be thawed with a hair dryer.
- If you are taking a vacation or will be away for several days, turn off your water at the meter in case damage occurs or ask someone to watch your home in your absence.
- Outdoor hoses should be removed and stored. If available, shutoff outdoor water supply.



BCA Facility Audit Shows Efficient Operations

Recently the Authority took advantage of a no-cost Utility Energy Audit provided by Pennsylvania Rural Water Association (PRWA), one of several environmental associations that the Authority has been a member of for decades.

PRWA and other similar organizations are instrumental in staying on top of current trends and technology in the water, wastewater, and stormwater industries. The results of our energy audit indicated that our plant runs very efficiently in terms of elec-

tricity conservation. Page two of the report states, "the wastewater treatment plant personnel are doing an exceptional job with energy observation."

The report also lists some suggestions to further conserve energy. Some of the recommendations the Authority is in the process of implementing and other suggestions will be explored. The full Utility Energy Audit Report can be found at the Authority's website at www.comshohockensa.com.



To Flush or Not to Flush?

These items should NOT be flushed down the toilet

- Baby wipes or diapers
- Disposable wipes
- Paper towels
- Pesticides
- Paint
- Pharmaceuticals
- Feminine products
- Fat, grease, oil
- Cat litter