

# WATER WORKS

Hallsdale-Powell Utility District Customer Newsletter

Fall 2022

## DON'T Fall Back INTO POOR OUTDOOR WATER HABITS

Autumn is an eco-friendly time of year and often gets over looked when it comes to conserving water. The heat of summer makes us more conscientious about our water usage. When temperatures fall, we turn off the A/C and open the windows and often worry less about water-related concerns.

### TIPS TO KEEP FROM FALLING BACK INTO POOR OUTDOOR WATER HABITS.

**Put the sprinklers away.** Cooler weather and seasonal rains make it possible to stop all supplemental watering. Now is a good time to make sure your irrigation system is working properly and fix all leaks and broken heads.



**Sweep, don't spray.** Use a broom instead of a hose to clean patios, decks and sidewalks.



**Landscapes** Plants, lawns and gardens need less water in the fall as daylight hours become shorter and the sun's intensity decreases. Overwatering in the fall can lead to plant disease. When planting fall flowers, pick flowers that do not require a lot of water and keep an eye on the weather forecast to avoid watering if rain is on the way.



**Fall leaves.** A few inches of mulched leaves will keep garden beds warm over the winter months as well as enriching your soil and locking in moisture.

## Prevent Costly Sewer Backups!

WITH HOLIDAY COOKING AROUND THE CORNER, THINK TWICE BEFORE POURING GREASE AND FATTY LIQUIDS DOWN THE DRAIN!



It may seem like an easy solution for getting rid of fats, oils, and grease (FOG), but when poured down the drain, it sticks to the inside of your sewer pipes. Over time, FOG can build up and create blockages and sewer backups. Besides being inconvenient, a sewer back up is unsanitary and costly to clean up and repair.

You can prevent sewer backups and costly plumbing bills by adhering to a few simple rules.



- Wipe pans and plates into the trash before washing.
- Collect and recycle used cooking oil.
- Compost as much of the food scraps as you can then scrape the remaining into the trash.

\*Avoid using the garbage disposal. The garbage disposal is not a "garbage disposer." This only increases the chance of clogging due to the mix of food scraps sticking to the grease on the inside of your pipes.

## Peak Performance NACWA AWARDS

We are proud to have received the Peak Performance Award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for both of our wastewater treatment plants. This award recognizes facilities for excellence in permit compliance.

Thank you to all the employees at our treatment plants for their dedication and hard work!



## IN THE WORKS: PROJECT UPDATES

HPUD has three capital improvement projects in process at this time. The Beaver Creek Interceptor Improvement Project, Phase 1 and Phase 2, are designed to address infiltration and inflow issues within the collection system while adding capacity with a new 48-inch diameter interceptor. The West Emory Rd @ Brickyard Rd Waterline Improvement Project: 85% Complete

inch diameter interceptor. The West Beaver Creek Road at Brickyard Road Water Line Improvement Project is necessary for the road improvement project by Knox County.

### Beaver Creek Interceptor Improvement Project

#### Phase 1: 96% Complete

Pictured below: Set-up, install and completed creek crossing.



### Beaver Creek Interceptor Improvement Project

#### Phase 2: 91% Complete

Pictured below: Manhole install and creek crossing.



### W. Emory Rd @ Brickyard Rd Waterline Improvement Project: 85% Complete

Pictured below: A tie-in with a valve installed on the waterline.



## HPUD Calendar

### BOARD MEETINGS

**October 17** 1:30 pm

**November 14** 1:30 pm

**December 12** 1:30 pm

### OFFICE CLOSURE

**November 24 & 25**  
in observance of the  
Thanksgiving Holiday

**December 23 & 26**  
in observance of the  
Christmas Holidays

Reinvesting in our water infrastructure today means **Water for Tomorrow.**

We are all stewards of the water infrastructure that was handed down to us from previous generations. Many of these lines are rapidly deteriorating and in serious need of replacement. HPUD is committed to keeping our system strong and reliable.



**Water for Tomorrow®**