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SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH

NewsLetter

Summer 2025



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It has become very difficult for the Borough Crew to read some of our customer's water meters due to overgrown trees, bushes, and shrubs. A water meter touch pad is attached to the exterior of the building, which allows the Borough Crew to read the water meter without entering the home or business. The Borough Crew must be able to easily access all water meter touch pads. Please be sure that the water meter touch pad, located on the exterior of your home or business, is easily accessible and clear of bushes, shrubs, or debris. Please call to relocate a touch pad that became enclosed by a fence. If a touch pad is not being used, call the Borough office to plan on having one installed.

13th Annual Snyder County Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, from 4-7 pm at the East Snyder Park in Penn Township! Rain date will be Wednesday, August 13, 2025.

Property owners making a new or replacement water line connection shall provide a meter pit and meter at the curb line in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Borough currently in effect covering such connections.

Shamokin Dam Community Yard Sale September 4-6, 2025

A Shamokin Dam Community Yard Sale will be planned again for this Fall. This event is not sponsored by the Shamokin Dam Borough but interested community residents. All residents are invited to participate. This event has been well attended in the past and much interest by residents has been shown to continue this event. If you are interested in participating set up your tables and join us on any or all of these dates.

Water conservation is important. Leaky pipes happen and can be costly to homeowners and the Borough. The Borough crew works to detect and repair underground leaks. Please help by calling the office if you see anything unusual when you are out an about. Is there a puddle that doesn't go away and was never there before? Do you hear running water somewhere?

SEWAGE COLLECTION SYSTEM REMINDERS

JUNE 2025

To All Shamokin Dam Borough Residents and Businesses

The Borough is requesting your help. We must begin disposing of food, oil, grease and pharmaceutical waste in a proper manner. Certain items must no longer be:

“PUT DOWN THE DRAIN”

The Eastern Snyder County Regional Authority has requested that we re-evaluate recent elevated levels of organic waste (primarily food waste), which includes grease and food refuse from residential and commercial kitchens entering the sewage collection system. Oil, grease, food scraps and pharmaceuticals must NOT be put down the sink, drain or toilet. If we as a community continue this practice, additional charges could be assessed to the current sewer rates. In addition, future connections may be jeopardized by this type of overloading.

The following housekeeping practices, along with the poster on the back of this sheet will go a long way in helping to solve the problem:

Garbage Disposals

Stop disposing of food waste through garbage disposals

Residential and Commercial garbage grinding units significantly contribute to the level of organic waste entering the sewer system. In fact, large garbage grinders are prohibited by Borough Ordinance except by prior written approval by the Borough. You should dispose of food waste in your trash can or a compost container and use it for gardening.

Pharmaceuticals

***DO NOT dispose of all your unwanted pharmaceuticals “down the drain” ***

The Borough office has a Medicine Safe collection box for your convenience to dispose of unwanted medication during regular business hours (8:30AM-4:30PM). Studies indicate that unwanted pharmaceuticals are showing up in rivers and streams throughout the USA influenced by wastewater treatment plant effluent releases. Meaning that, they are not “breaking down” through the treatment process. This has affected fish and wildlife as well as allowing these contaminants to be brought back into public water supplies such as ours, which can affect humans. **Note: To date none has been detected in our water system.**

On The Back

The rear of this sheet deals mainly with the handling of kitchen type grease. All residential and commercial property owners must put these standard practices to use from this point on. This problem can be corrected but will require an effort from all residents and businesses in the Borough.

If you have any questions, please contact the Borough Office.

Let's Tackle the Grease in This Kitchen!

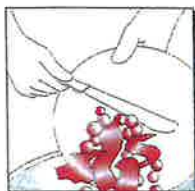
Why should I help?

- Prevent grease buildups from blocking sewer lines.
- Stop sewer overflows into streets and storm drains.
- Save money spent on costly cleanups of sewage spills.
- Reduce the number of times you have to clean your grease trap (food service).
- Protect the quality of our water.

DO!



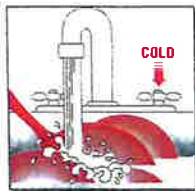
- ✓ Put oil and grease in covered collection containers.



- ✓ Scrape food scraps from dishes into trash cans and garbage bags and dispose of properly. Avoid using your garbage disposal.



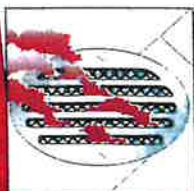
- ✓ Remove oil and grease from dishes, pans, fryers, and griddles. Cool first before you skim, scrape, or wipe off excess grease.



- ✓ Prewash dishes and pans with cold water before putting them in the dishwasher.



- ✓ Cover kitchen sink with catch basket and empty into garbage can as needed.



- ✓ Cover floor drain with fine screen and empty into garbage can as needed.

DON'T!

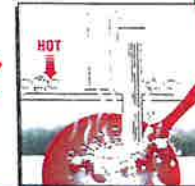
- ✗ Don't pour oil and grease down the drain.



- ✗ Don't put food scraps down the drain.



- ✗ Don't run water over dishes, pans, fryers, and griddles to wash oil and grease down the drain.



- ✗ Don't rinse off oil and grease with hot water.

More Ways to Tackle Grease

- ▶ Use environmentally safe cleaning products instead of harsh detergents or cleaners that can damage sewer lines.
- ▶ If you generate large amounts of used cooking oil, reuse or recycle it. To find a recycler, check the phone book under "recyclers" or "rendering companies."
- ▶ If you generate small amounts of used cooking oil, reuse it as often as possible and then pour it into a container you can throw away. Never pour it down the drain.
- ▶ Start a compost pile at your home with scraps that are not meat. Find out about composting in the TCEQ publication, *A Green Guide to Yard Care* (GI-028).

Let's Protect Shamokin Dam

Community Picnic

SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH

FOR ALL BOROUGH RESIDENTS

WHEN: Sunday, September 7, 2025 - Mark Your Calendars

WHERE: Jack Treas Park – North Old Trail

Food, drink and entertainment will be provided.

Reservations are required by August 18, 2025!

DINNER SERVED: 4:00-6:00 P.M.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT: 3:00–6:00 P.M.

All Borough Residents are cordially invited to attend our Community Picnic, Sunday, September 7, at Jack H. Treas Park, Shamokin Dam, PA. There is no cost for this picnic to current Borough residents. Please note there is a cost of \$20.00 per person if a borough resident wishes to bring guests. Payment for guests may be made at the picnic.

The Borough will provide food and drink. **Please bring a lawn chair.**

To properly plan for this event, reservations must be made at the Borough Office by **August 18, 2025**. Call 570-743-7565. You will need to provide your name, address and phone number, including any guests that will be attending. Meal tickets will be issued the day of the picnic for those with reservations.

The Borough pays for each reservation, so if you make reservations and your plans change, please contact the Borough Office promptly.

(THIS EVENT WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE)

Shamokin Dam Borough Office

Normal Office Hours

Monday through Friday - 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Closed for Lunch - 12:00 Noon til 1:00 PM

The Borough office will be closed in observation of the following summer holidays:

Friday - July 4th – Independence Day

Monday - September 1st – Labor Day

Shamokin Dam Borough Council meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M.
(If a holiday happens to fall on that date, the meeting will be held the following day "Tuesday")
You are invited and encouraged to attend all Borough meetings. Meetings are held in the municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue.

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER

DOG REMINDERS

When walking your dog:

- Keep them on a leash at all times
- Clean up after your pet

SHARE THE STREET

With the weather getting warmer and the daylight lasting longer, more people will be out walking. Please remember to share the roadways with pedestrians and bicyclists. Also, watch for children at play near the streets. When walking at night, wear bright reflective clothing, activate a flashlight when you see a vehicle approaching, and be aware that the driver may not see you.

Remaining Curbside Recycling Dates

June 12th July 10th August 14th
Sept 11th Oct 9th Nov 13th Dec 11th