

AKRON BOROUGH NEWSLETTER

ANNUAL WATER CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT

The Borough is pleased to provide the 2020 Annual Water Consumer Confidence Report. This report provides informative data and results of required testing of our system drinking water to assure water quality and provide pure safe drinking water. Again this year, to save costs, Congress and EPA approved posting of our report on the Borough's web site at this designated direct link: <http://www.akron-pa.com/documents/ccrwaterreport2020.pdf> Should you not have access to the internet you may obtain a copy at the Borough Administration Office. After review, should you have questions please call Tom Murray Jr. (the Borough's Water Operator) or Susan Davidson, Borough Manager.

COMPOSTING

West Earl Township has a compost facility in Talmage. The facility is open 24/7 year-round. A key card is required to gain entry. Yard and woody waste may be dropped off at the facility and mulch may be taken if it is available. The mulch must be loaded by hand as no large machinery is allowed. Non-Township Residents may purchase a key card to gain entry into the compost facility. Each entry costs \$20 for residential users. Cards may be purchased at the West Earl Township office located at 157 W Metzler Rd, Brownstown Pa.

RESIDENTIAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

As a municipality, Akron Borough has an obligation to reach out and educate our residents on best practices for keeping pollutants out of the local environment and mitigating water run off. We do not have control over all the contaminants that stormwater collects and carries into nearby waterway and we ask you to take control of practices at home to help keep these contaminants out of our local environment.

Vehicle and Garage Maintenance

Perform routine maintenance on you vehicle

- Check your car, boat, motorcycle, and other machinery for leaks and make repairs. Clean up spilled fluids with absorbent material like sand, and do not rinse the spills into storm drains.
- Recycle used oils. Do not dump in storm drains.
- Use commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface rather than allowing the soap and grime to wash directly into storm drain or local water body.

WHAT'S A SEWER LATERAL AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

Private sewer laterals connect individual and private properties to the public sewer system. Laterals are often in poor condition and can have a significant impact on the performance of the sewer system and treatment plant. Typically, private laterals make up about half of the total length of a sewer system. Defective laterals can cause sewer backups. Cracked or broken laterals can allow ground water and infiltrating rainwater (clean water) to enter into the sewer system. High levels of clean water can cause problems at the treatment facility or overload the sewers and cause sanitary sewer overflows. Clean water can be directed into the sanitary sewer system through other private connections. These inflow sources can include connections from roof and driveway drains and from basement sump pumps. These inflows are now typically prohibited.

SPOTTED LANTERNFLY

The spotted lanternfly is an invasive insect that has spread through Pennsylvania since it's

discovery in Berks county in 2014.

Destroy egg masses during fall, winter and spring

Egg masses are gray-colored, flat clusters on trees, cement blocks, rocks and any other hard surface. If masses are found, scrape them off using a plastic card or putty knife, place the mass in a bag or container with rubbing alcohol. Egg masses can also be smashed or burned.

The nonnative spotted lanternfly will complete its life cycle in one year. It grows from egg to adult in three stages. Hatching lanternflies are initially white and can be observed from late April until June, depending on environmental conditions. Their exoskeleton hardens, quickly becoming black with white spots. As they enter their "teen" days, their primary color is red instead of black. By midsummer they will be adults, measuring about an inch in length and sporting wings of red, black, white and tan, accented by dots.

To report a spotted lanternfly sighting, call the Penn State Extension hotline at 1-888-422-3359.

SOLICITATION

Mayor McBeth has approved 15 Solicitor permits so far this year. When someone comes to your door looking to sell you something, you have the right to ask them to show their permit. All solicitors are issued a permit and should have the permit with them.

ROLAND PARK POND

We have been having a lot of reports of people swimming in the pond at the Roland Park this year. The pond is posted NO SWIMMING. You may be cited for being in the pond. Please stay out for your own safety.

AKRON NIGHT AT THE BARNSTORMERS

Tickets are available at the Borough office for the Akron Night at the Barnstormers on Friday, August 27, 2021. Willy Wonka night. Game starts at 6:30 pm.

MOSQUITOS

Just a reminder to all our citizens to help cut down on the mosquito population in Akron by dumping out any standing water on your property. Make sure you don't have anything like buckets, upside down trash can lids, or even bottle caps that can catch rain water and allow mosquitoes to breed.

SHOE IN 2021

It is only August, but it is time to begin thinking about the Shoe In for 2022. If you are interested in helping with the planning or have an idea for an activity at the event, please call Darryl Witmer at 717-733-0714.

TALL GRASS AND WEEDS

No person, owning or occupying any property within the Borough shall permit any grass or weeds or any vegetation whatsoever, not edible or planted, to grow or remain upon such premises so as to exceed a height of 8 inches, or to throw off any unpleasant or noxious odor. Ninety percent of home owners and renters take pride in their homes and keep their properties in compliance with the Borough's tall grass and weed ordinance. The other ten percent are encouraged to take the extra step and maintain their lawn to standard and everyone should be more conscious of their curb line. Tall grass and weeds allowed to grow in the curb line is unsightly and gives the appearance of an unkempt property that ultimately affects neighboring property values. *Vegetation growing between the road surface and the sidewalk curbing is the responsibility of the owner/occupier for removal.*

PROPERTIES WILL BE CITED FOR THIS VIOLATION.

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

www.Akron-pa.com
www.akronfire.org
www.co.lancaster.pa.us/
www.lcswma.org
ephratapubliclibrary.org

BOROUGH OFFICE

HOURS:

Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Office phone number is 717-859-1600. Lobby is open 24 hours a day with a night drop for bills, parking tickets, etc. Also a phone which dials directly to County Radio for police.

Council meets- Second and Fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Borough Municipal Building, 117 S. 7th Street.

WATER & SEWER BILLING NEWS

You need to use PO Box 130 when mailing items to the Borough Hall.

Also, for non-payment of a water and sewer bill, a second notice is sent 15 days after the due date giving the resident an additional 10 days to pay the bill before service is terminated.

HOLIDAYS

Akron Borough office will be closed Monday, September 5, 2021 in observance of Labor Day.

First day of school is Monday, August 30th.

TRICK OR TREAT

Trick or Treat will be held this year on Friday, October 29 from 6pm – 8pm.

POLICE DEPARTMENT PHONE NUMBERS

If you have a Police Emergency, dial **911**. If you have a Police Non-Emergency, dial **717-859-6600**. Lancaster County Wide Communications Dispatchers answer this number 24 hours a day/ 7 days a week. If you see something suspicious please call immediately and don't wait until you see an officer.

VOTING DISTRICTS

East District

Akron Mennonite Church
1311 Diamond Street

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