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The newly upgraded Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrade is running well and we are hoping to have a grand opening celebration sometime in the near future. Approximately half the homes on Perkins Pond are now connected to the new sewer and things are going very well with that. We are looking forward to a bit of a reprieve with no major projects going on for a while.

As always, we would like to encourage everyone to do all that they can to conserve water by using some of the tips below.

Water Efficiency Tips

Do not just let the water run while brushing teeth or doing other chores.

Do not run water to get it colder. Keep a glass jar in the refrigerator if you like it cold. An extra benefit to this is that any slight chlorine smell or taste will evaporate after standing a while.

Toilets are the greatest water user in the household. A toilet with a slow leak could waste as much as 200 gallons per day and cost you a considerable amount of money. Check your toilet regularly for leaks by putting some food dye in the tank and letting it sit, there should be no color in the bowl if the toilet is not leaking. Installing a new toilet or placing a jug of water in your tank to lessen the amount of water that each flush uses could reduce your water use by 23 to 46 percent and save you a considerable amount on your water bills.

Install low-flow showerheads.

Use the lowest setting needed for your loads of laundry and only run clothes washers and dish washers if there is a full load. The front loading clothes washers can save a large amount of water. The less efficient washers can use up to 40 gallons a load and these more efficient ones use less than half that amount.

We would like to remind everyone to be aware of what you are putting down the drain and into the sewer. No hazardous chemicals, storm water, fat, oil, grease, baby wipes or similar non woven fabric materials such as paper towels should be flushed down the drain or pumped into the sewer because these items will create problems in your pipes, the town's pipes and for our wastewater treatment plant. These items may all potentially end up adversely affecting the quality of the water that we recycle back into the environment. **Please, Please, Please can the fats, oils and grease otherwise known as fog!** Fog from cooking should be canned or jarred and thrown away in the trash, because it builds up in sewer lines and pump stations creating blockages. We prefer that you do not use a garbage disposal, but if you must please use it sparingly, if at all. Instead use a compost bin or place scraps in the trash for disposal at the transfer station.

Please take advantage of hazardous waste collection days for disposal of hazardous chemicals, and the local police department unused drug take back days to get rid of unused pharmaceuticals and medicine, please do not flush any unused hazardous chemicals or unused and outdated medicine down the drain!

Please help us protect our environment and keep the costs of collection and treatment down by not putting any of these potentially detrimental items, or any storm water down the drain.