



WEST EARL TOWNSHIP

Newsletter



2005-2

July 2005

Road work for Summer 2005

The following roads will be paved/resurfaced this summer.

Sections of Brethren Church Rd., Groffdale Church Rd., and W. Metzler Rd.

Covered Bridge Rd. will be sealed this season also.

Gas Main Project

UGI will close sections of Cocalico Creek Rd., and Millway Rd., starting in July, as a result of installing gas mains. Oregon Pike (Rt 272) is recommended as an alternative route.

Attention Township Refuse and Recycling Customers

Effective September 1, 2005, West Earl Township Residents previously served through the Township's contracted trash and recycling service will be required to hire a licensed hauler to collect trash and recycling. Currently there are five licensed haulers in the Township:

- Lebanon Farms Disposal, Inc.
- Good's Disposal, Inc.
- Givins Disposal Service, Inc.
- York Waste Disposal, Inc.
- Waste Management of Pennsylvania, Inc.

Phone numbers for these haulers can be found in the yellow pages of the phone book under the heading "Garbage & Rubbish Removal".

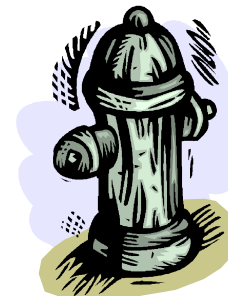
Refuse/Recycling bills that are sent out in early June are for the period from June through August.

Township Web Site

The West Earl Township web site has been updated to include the entire township code. You can also find frequently used forms including, Building permit applications, and Zoning Hearing Board applications. Located on the first page of the site you can find "Quick Links" that will allow you to view upcoming BOS agenda's and approved Meeting Minutes from prior meetings. Current news will often be announced on the front page of the site. If you have a suggestion or comment about the site please contact the site administrator by clicking on the "Contact Us" link at the bottom of the site. The website address is www.westearltpw.org

Hydrant Flushing

The Water Department will be flushing hydrants between the dates of July 11 and 25. During the flushing, water may appear "milky" due to air in the system. This condition will dissipate over time. Any dirty or rust colored water should be reported to the Township.



Consumer Confidence Report: West Earl Township Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua beber. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Our monitoring for the period of January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004. Our state public water system identification number is PA7360143. In this table, you will find terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. The following definitions will help you understand these terms. To comply with the Safe Drinking Water Act amendments, West Earl Water Authority is providing the following report. This report is designed to inform you of testing performed on your drinking water. The water treatment process includes softening, chlorination and nitrate removal. Our water sources during the year 2004 are: ground water from the Nolt Well located north of Turtle Hill Road and surface water from the City of Lancaster. The water from the City of Lancaster is primarily from the Conestoga Water Treatment Plant.

We are pleased to report that our drinking water meets federal and state requirements. If you have questions about this report, the water utility or you need more information, contact Robert Buckwalter 717-859-3201. If you want to learn more, consider attending the regularly scheduled Water Authority Meetings. They are held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Nitrate in drinking water at levels above 10 parts per million (ppm) is a health risk for infants less than six months of age and pregnant or nursing mothers. High nitrate can cause blue baby syndrome. Nitrate levels may rise quickly for short periods of time because of rainfall or agricultural activity. If you are caring for an infant, you should ask advice from your health care provider.

Infants and young children are typically vulnerable to *lead* in drinking water than the general population. It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested and flush your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using tap water. Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

The West Earl Township Water Department routinely monitors for various contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. The following table shows results of

AL (Action Level) - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

MCL - The "Maximum Allowed" Contaminant Level is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

MCLG - The Maximum Contaminant Level "Goal" is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.

ppm - parts per million or *mg/l* - milligrams per liter – one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000

ppb - parts per billion or *micrograms per liter* – one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years or a single penny in \$10,000,000

pCi/L - Picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some contaminants have been detected. Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791). Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. E.P.A./CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium

and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Note: The table below lists detected parameters required to be reported by Federal and State regulation. The drinking water is also tested for other contaminants. A complete list is available at the Municipal Office, 859-3201.

Test Results								
Inorganic Contaminants								
Chemical	Year	Detected Parameters	Violation	Highest Measurement	Range	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source
Copper	2004		No	.403 ppm	.0543-.403ppm	1.3ppm	1.3 ppm	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Chloride	2004		No	122 ppm	NA	250 mg/l	250 mg/l	Nitrate removal systems
Lead	2004		No	2.3 ppb	0-2.3 ppb	0 ppb	15 ppb	Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Nitrate	2004		No	5.38 ppm	4.84 -5.98 ppm	10 ppm	10 ppm	runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks
Sodium	2004		No	136.0 ppm	129.0-136.0 ppm		re-manded	Softening System
Volatile Organic Contaminants								
Trichloroethylene	2004		No	0.0 ppb	1 Sample	0 ppb	5 ppb	Leaching from PVC pipes, discharge from factories and dry cleaners
Tetrachloroethylene	2004		No	0.7 ppb	2 Sample	0 ppb	5 ppb	Leaching from PVC pipes, discharge from factories and dry cleaners
Trihalomethane (TTHM)	2004		No	32 ppb	7.7 - 79.8 ppb	NA	80 ppb	By-products of drinking water chlorination
HAA (haloacetic acids)			No	31 ppb	7.5 - 35 ppb	NA	60 ppb	By-products of drinking water chlorination

Meeting...

West Earl Board of Supervisors

Meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month at 7:00pm

West Earl Planning Commission

Meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm

West Earl Parks and Recreation Board

Meets the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00pm

West Earl Zoning Hearing Board

Meet 1st Wednesday of the month as needed at 7:30pm

West Earl Sewer Authority

Meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7:30pm

West Earl Water Authority

Meets the first Monday at 7:00pm

Important Phone Numbers

- Municipal Office 859-3201
- Fax Number 859-3499
- Tax Collector 656-4075
- Water Dept (after hours) 859-3725
- Police Department 859-1411
- Emergencies 911
- Police Dept Fax 859-3630
- Building Inspector 733-1654
- Zoning Officer 625-0444
- Sewage Enforcement 721-9008

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