



Water & Wastewater Treatment Facility Operators

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F.O.G.(FATS, OIL, GREASE) IN YOUR PLUMBING

The problem caused by the FOG from meat, sauces, baking goods, cooking oil, lard, margarine, shortening and butter begins when these messy, greasy residues are washed down the kitchen sink. The wash water cools the FOG, allowing these wastes to solidify in the pipes. Over time the FOG can build up, restricting flow in the pipes. Eventually this restriction of flow can cause a back-up in your pipes resulting in flooding of your basement or home. FOG build up is also a problem for municipal wastewater systems to treat and remove from sewer lines.

The FOG can even lead to a failure of your septic system because the FOG floats at the top of the wastewater in your septic tanks and clogs the pipes leading to the leach field. The backed-up plumbing and failed sewer lines or septic systems can cause property damage, health hazards and environmental problems; not to mention the expense and inconvenience of correcting the problems. Septic systems can cost thousands of dollars to repair.

The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services encourages people to protect their plumbing as well as their sewer or septic system by properly disposing of FOG. Here are some simple tips:

- Never pour oil or grease into a drain or toilet.
- Scrape grease and food waste from plates, pots, pans, grills and kitchen utensils and put it into a trash can.
- Small amounts of cooking oil, such as meat drippings, can be soaked up with a paper towel and thrown into the trash.
- Put baskets and strainers in sinks to catch food scraps.
- Don't put grease or meats in garbage disposals.
- Let grease solidify in a container

(preferably a sturdy closed-lid container, like a coffee can) before putting it into the trash. • Mix larger amounts of cooking oil with an absorbent material like sawdust or kitty litter before putting in the garbage. Dispose of large amounts by dividing it over several collection days. • Check to see if your community has a waste vegetable oil collection program.

"The professionals operating wastewater treatment plants play a very important role in keeping our communities and environment healthy by protecting water quality," said EPA New England Acting Regional Administrator Deb Szaro. "We are proud to acknowledge this staff's outstanding contributions to help protect public health and water quality and to give them the credit they deserve."

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Dear Mr. Meleski and the Winchester Wastewater Treatment Facility,

Congratulations to you and the Town of Winchester on receiving the 2018 Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant Excellence Award from the United States Environmental Protection Agency and thank you for your dedication to improving water quality.

Ensuring the health of our waterways is critical to the well-being of our families, vibrant communities, and a thriving economy. We have made important strides thanks to the efforts of our communities, the development of sound public policy, and critical public-private partnerships that work toward keeping our rivers clean and our lakes pristine, but there is, as you know, more to do. We must continue working together to address water quality issues and to protect the beautiful natural resources that make our state a special place to live, work, visit, and raise a family.

Once again, congratulations on receiving this well-deserved award and thank you for your commitment to ensuring that our communities, residents, and businesses have access to clean water. I look forward to continuing to work together to build a cleaner, healthier, and safer New Hampshire where all of our people and businesses can grow and thrive.

With every good wish,



Margaret Wood Hassan
United States Senator

Upcoming Projects

During the Summer of 2019 the Town of Winchester will be making improvements to the water mains on Jones Road and Richmond Road.

The first project will be improvements to the Jones Road water main that will include replacing the existing 3" water main with a new 8" water main, new water services to homes, meter pits and heat tracing provided as needed. This project will provide improved water pressure, water volume, fire protection, and improved protection from potential freezing of the water main or water services. The project is funded with CDFA funds with Town contributions coming from water users' fees.

The second project will start at the intersection of Richmond Road and Union Street and will stop at Plumb Pak Drive located at Well #3. The improvements will involve replacing the existing 10" and 6" water mains in this area to a 12" water main,

proper valving at all road intersections, new customer water services to property curb, and fire hydrants that meet AWWA standards. This project will provide improved water pressure, water volume, fire protection, and the ability to serve the proposed Stone Mountain industrial park with fire protection and water services. This project is USDA grant and loan funded that will have a 30-year life with the loan portion being paid by Water user fees.

In year 2020 water improvements will include a new 500,000 dual cell water storage tank located on Hawkins Road and a booster station located at the intersection of Elm Street, Woodard Ave, Clark Road, Old Chesterfield and Old Westport Road Roads. The first project will be the 500,000 dual cell water storage tanks on Hawkins Road that will replace the existing 1947 water storage tank located on Michigan Street. This improvement will provide a tank with mixing for an improved water quality, improved emergency alternatives with two separate cells, increased elevation to improve inadequate water pressure to customers at higher elevations that receive water pressures below the minimum deliverable 35 psi of water pressure and improve fire flows within the immediate area of the tank. The second improvement will be the installation of the booster pump station located at the intersection of Elm Street, Woodard Ave, Clark Road, Old Chesterfield and Old Westport Road Roads. This improvement will provide increased water pressure to the water customers on Clark Road and Old Westport Road that receive water pressures below the minimum deliverable 35 psi of water pressure. The importance of this project is to allow minimum increase of the new water storage tank elevation in conjunction with the lowest elevation of the water system. These two projects are part of the Richmond Road USDA water main improvement project. As part of funding for all of these projects and future projects to the Towns water system it has become necessary for the Town of Winchester to increase their water rates to their customers. The following are changes that will be in effect for the 3rd quarter billing 2019.

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New Water Rates Effective Quarter 3 2019, Adopted May 8, 2019

User Rates (\$/100 cubic feet)	
0-5,000	\$3.00
5,001-12,000	\$3.35
12,001-20,000	\$4.00
20,001 c/f and Greater	\$4.60
Quarterly Rate	\$50.00

American Water Works Association

Water supplier must provide adequate water service to its customers as well as receive sufficient revenue to provide for operation and maintenance, system upgrades, and maintenance of the supplier's financial integrity. This includes covering all cash needs, debt obligations, and basic expenses required for a water system

Adoption of RSA 38:22

At a public hearing on March 20, 2019 at 7:00 PM at the Winchester Town Hall the Board of Selectman, at the recommendation of the Town Clerk/Tax Collector, James Tetreault, and the Water/Sewer Superintendent, Richard Meleski, are adopting RSA 38:22 as the process to deal with outstanding Water and Sewer invoices the "Tax Collector at the time of preparing tax liens will treat outstanding Water and Sewer invoices in the same manner".

To view the full RSA use link below.

<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rsa/html/III/38/38-22.htm>

Pay and/or View Bills Online

The Town of WINCHESTER is excited to offer residents an easy and convenient method to view and pay bills Online. <https://nhtaxkiosk.com/?KIOSKID=WINCHESTER>

Fast and Easy. No registration required for "One Time Pay", the fastest way to pay online and confirm payment.

Safe and Secure. Your information is kept confidential & is 100% secure, backed by the highest security standards.

It's Easy. Find for your bill(s) using the search functions to the left then click "Add to Cart". Then, click "Check Out" to continue to the payment processor. You'll be done in minutes.

Now available...Go Green with paperless billing. Email us droy@winchester.nh.gov, call us at 239.4951 opt 4 to sign your accounts up or use the kiosk online portal to register yourself.

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