

Important Notice To All Sewer Users:

Our sewer system is a pressurized closed system. That means our sewers only accept waste that is flushed down your toilets or sink, shower, dishwasher or washing machine drains.

At this time of year most of our residents are in their winter homes with only a handful residing here. Historically, we pump an average of 6,000 to 7,400 gallons per day to East Lyme in the winter. As you know, Point 'O Woods has experienced heavy rains and abnormally high tidal surges during the last month or so. During this period of time, our average daily flow to East Lyme has increased to 71,500 gallons per day! This is even higher than our previous high of 58,000 gallons, experienced during Centennial Weekend.

How did these increases occur with so few residents at Point O Woods? Here are three possible areas;

- 1, Homeowners pumping sump pumps into our sewer system, which is illegal;
2. Gutters flowing into our system, which is illegal;
3. Water entering grinder pump basins in flood prone areas where grinder pumps are not turned off.

When we pump waste to East Lyme, they charge us for every gallon they receive. So, instead of paying for 6,000 or 7,000 gallons per day, we are paying for over 71,000 gallons per day! And who ultimately pays for that? You, in increased sewer user charges. In addition, we historically treat our waste with 6 to 8 gallons of bioxide per day. Our bioxide use has shot up to 80 gallons per day, and it is expensive.

The WPCA would like you to check your homes to make sure you are discharging only waste. If you have a sump pump, it must pump to the outside. Gutters and downspouts should be directed outside and away from your house. Please shut off your grinder pump while you are away.

If the WPCA finds you are discharging illegally you will be fined and held accountable for the increased cost to our community. Let's work together to keep our costs down.

Thank you and our best New Year's wishes to all of you.

Regards

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