

NEW SEWAGE MAINTENANCE, PUMPING & INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

The Longswamp Township Board of Supervisors wish to advise you of new sewer pumping regulations that affect your property. Specifically, in 2014, the Township and the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) reached an agreement to avoid the Township from having to install public sewers to correct the Township's sewage concerns. The concerns expressed by DEP are for the purpose of protecting groundwater and wells within the Township, particularly in the designated high needs area.

Specifically, if your property is in Cycle 1, you will be required to either pump your septic system prior to September 1, 2015, or have the Township Sewage Enforcement Officer (SEO) inspect your system to determine if pumping requirements have been triggered.

If your property is in Cycle 2, you will be required to pump your septic system during your normal pumping cycle starting on June 30, 2016, or have the Township SEO inspect your system to determine if pumping requirements have been triggered.

For both Cycle 1 and Cycle 2, property owners will be required to have the Township SEO on site when the septic system is being pumped in order to ensure your septic system is not malfunctioning as described by DEP Standards.

Please be advised, it is anticipated all properties will resume their normal pumping schedule after this shortened period for Cycle 1, unless you are determined to have a malfunctioning system or unless the majority of properties in your area have malfunctions. If you are required to pump your system more frequently or perform specific maintenance, you will be notified.

The Township understands that these measures may cause inconvenience; however, these measures benefit all residents of Longswamp Township in avoiding costly sewer service. A copy of the Ordinance that includes the requirements set forth in this letter can be found on the Township's website.

Please be aware, due to the DEP requirements associated with this measure, pumping requirements and inspection/observation requirements must be strictly enforced. As always, please do not hesitate to contact the Township Office if you should have any questions or concerns.