





Congratulations

The Town of Delmar, Delaware held its General Election on,
Monday, October 3, 2022

The newly Elected Officials were sworn in office on,
Monday, November 7, 2022

Please join us in congratulating and welcoming newly Elected Officials:

Mayor Thomas Bauer

Council Member McClure

Council Member Morris



Did you know that you can make weekly, bi-weekly and monthly payments on your Utility Account?!?!

Many residents have found that paying on their utility bill in this manner has really assisted in the ability to satisfying their quarterly billing by the due date. Consequently, no interest or late fees being accrued. Just review your last few billings to obtain an average bill and split it out accordingly to fit your budget. If you need assistance in calculating your average just give us a call or go online to our website and review your billing history. You can submit payment through your bank account or through our website at your leisure, drop it off in our drive-up drop box, or come in and visit us during our open hours. Our website address is townofdelmar.us.



Help Prevent Sewage Blockages The Town has experienced several sewage blockages and we request the following articles not be flushed down the toilet.

Facial Tissue Wipes of any kind Bandages/Bandage wrappings Medical Waste
Pet waste Feminine products Diapers Cotton Balls and Swabs

Thank you!



Reminder

Delinquent utility bills accumulate an *interest of 1%* per month beginning the day after the due date. The due date is listed on the all-utility bills and is generally one month after the billing date. Other penalties for late payments include a ***\$10 administrative fee*** on the seventh day after the due date.

- Disconnection for non-payment can occur as early as sixteen days after the due date. A ***\$40 Disconnection fee*** is added as of 8 A.M. of day of scheduled disconnection.
- If you are making an online payment, please allow 24 hours for payment to be notated on account.
- If bill is not satisfied and disconnected; before water service will be restored the entire amount of the bill and a ***\$10 reconnection fee*** must be collected during regular business hours (8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.).
- Services can be restored **after hours up to 6 p.m. and the reconnection fee is \$30.** Payment must be rendered to Town Hall by 9 a.m. the following business morning or the evening of restoration. Payments can be deposited in our drop box located behind Town Hall.

Higher than normal Bill?

In the past few quarters, the Delmar Utility Commission has seen many residents have high utility bills due to leaky toilets. Leaky toilets cause hundreds to thousand gallons of water to go to waste. Consequently, the fix to the toilet will cost significantly less than a high utility bill. Below you will see the five most common cause of a leaking toilet.

5 Most Common Causes of a Leaking Toilet

- Faulty Flapper
- Problems With the Fill Valve
- Refill Tube is Malfunctioning
- The Float Ball
- Worn Gasket

Garbage Collection

Just a reminder to our residents; garbage collection for the Town of Delmar is outsourced. **Republic Service** collects garbage for **Delmar, Delaware** on **Tuesday** and **Delmar, Maryland** on **Thursday** unless the normal collection day falls on a recognized holiday.

Republic Service is responsible for the removal of a reasonable accumulation of household garbage. For bulk collection and the **removal of yard waste**, contact **Public Works** at 302-846-3696.

Garbage is to be placed at **curbside** the **evening prior** to collection **no earlier than sunset**. It is very important that the garbage is placed visibly at the curb outside of any structures, such as fences, that may impair visibility or could lead to an injury during collection. **Residents should have no more than four (35) gallon cans per household weighing no more than 50 pounds each when filled.** Between the days of collection, containers, including any structure designed to store them, shall be located on the back half of the house out of the line of sight from the street upon which the property fronts. Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep our Town free of debris.



Garbage Tidbit! Garbage missed on pickup day? Call Town Hall and we handle the situation on your behalf.

A Message from the Desk of Water Treatment Plant Superintendent, Sophia Oberton:

ADOPT A FIRE HYDRANT

Please consider clearing the snow from around the fire hydrant in front of your home when you clear your driveway and sidewalk during the winter. By doing so, you save the Fire Department precious time when called to the scene of a fire. With close to 300 fire hydrants on the Town's water system, it is impossible for the Department of Public Works to clear the snow from every hydrant. If every resident, however, cleared a 2-3' radius around the fire hydrant in front of each home making the hydrant visible, firemen can concentrate on their job, and you will be doing a great service to yourself, your neighbors, and your community. Please, adopt a fire hydrant this winter!



Yard waste can pollute your lakes!

When leaves, grass clippings and other yard debris are blown onto streets, sidewalks and into storm drains, it eventually will make its way to our waterways. These materials add excess nutrients to the waterways and cause water quality issues. Take care of our waterways by taking care of your yard debris.

Bag It, Don't Blow It!

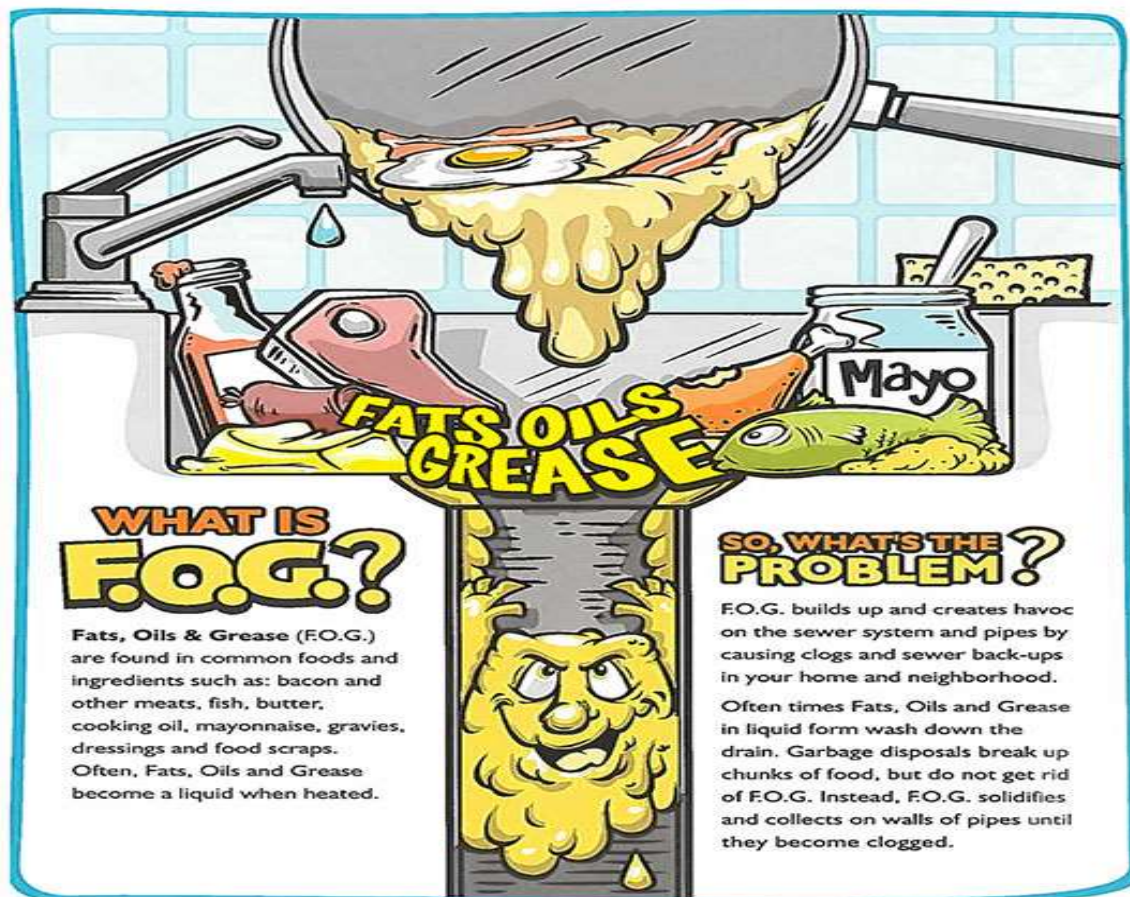
- NEVER blow leaves or grass clippings from your yard into streets, sidewalks or storm drains.
- Street sweeping is designed to handle natural leaf fall on public streets only. When leaves from the yard are blown into the streets, it disrupts this process.
- Streets, sidewalks and driveways must be kept clear of all yard waste to prevent this debris from entering a curb inlet or storm drain. Assume that if your yard waste is on a paved surface, it has access to a storm drain!
- When yard waste makes it through a storm drain and into a waterway, it:
 - o adds excess nutrients to the water, causing potentially-toxic algae blooms
 - o reduces and degrades fish and wildlife habitats
 - o decreases water recreation opportunities by degrading water quality

Compost it, Don't Blow it!

- Leaves and yard debris, along with many other items from your household, can be composted. Turn your waste into rich, useful compost.

Mulch It, Don't Blow It!





- Turn your yard waste into mulch or leave it on the ground. Yard waste acts as a natural fertilizer and creates a backyard habitat for wildlife.
- How do we do this? By having fat free sewers!
- Sewer overflows and backups can cause health hazards, damage home interiors, and threaten the environment. A common cause of overflows is sewer pipes blocked by grease. Grease gets into the sewer from household drains, as well as from poorly maintained grease traps in restaurants and other businesses.

Where does grease come from?

- Grease is a byproduct when cooking with meat fats, lard, oils, shortening, butter, margarine, food scraps, baked goods, sauces, and dairy products. When washed down the sink, grease sticks to the insides of sewer pipes (both on your property and under the street). Over time, it can build up and block entire portions of your home's plumbing system and/or the city sewer.

The consequences can be:

- Potential contact with disease-causing organisms.
- An expensive and unpleasant cleanup often required to be paid by you, the home or business owner.
- Raw sewage flowing into parks, yards, streets, and streams.
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Helping prevent sewer overflows and backups is easy!

- 1) Never pour grease or oils down sink drains or into toilets.
- 2) Scrape grease and food scraps into the trash for disposal.
- 3) Place basket strainers in sink drains to catch food scraps and other solids.
- 4) Word of Caution: Home garbage disposals do not keep the grease out of the plumbing system. Moreover, hot water and products such as detergents that claim to dissolve grease only pass it down the line and cause problems elsewhere.

A Message from the Desk of Wastewater Treatment Plant Superintendant, Frank Daniels:

Prevent Frozen Pipes

- Set home thermostats above 55 degrees during cold weather.
- Drip cold water in farthest faucet from your main valve. Moving water keeps pipes from freezing.
- Find shut off valves for emergencies.
- Insulate pipes in unheated areas.
- Open cupboards and vanities to warm pipes.
- Close inside valves that control the water supply.
- Open the outside spigots to allow to drain water out.
- Keep outside valve open so water remaining in the pipe can expand without causing a break.
- When freezing weather is coming, turn off water to outside spigots and drain all water from the line.



A Message from the Desk of Delmar, MD Commissioner Cory Shaffer:

The State Street Park Project was presented to me, Commissioner Shaffer, by Girl Scout Troop #1331 Leader, Ashley White. She and her troop were going after the bronze award which is the highest award that a Girl Scout can receive at their age. It is based off of performing Community Service.

The girls worked 20+ hours on their project of spreading mulch, beautifying the park, painting the fence, and planting trees. They had taken note of how we needed to update some signs and re-evaluate our safe spaces at our parks. They had noted how speeding was an issue and bicycle travel was also in question around Town. I found this to be really impressive that a group of young ladies could not only pay attention to their community the way they did but bother to critical think and assess what was happening where they lived and played.

After our meeting we decided that the ladies would work to beautify State Street Park. The Girl Scout Project basically kicked off the renovations in the park. Painting the fence was more than a notion for these young folks. A joint effort was created between the Cub Scouts and the Girl Scouts to help us get the fence done.

It was amazing to watch it all be put together and then for everyone to make it happen for the betterment of Delmar. This whole project should instill a sense of pride in our community and everyone should be proud of these young civic leaders.

We cannot forget the parents that were involved with this as well. Many parents came out with their children and worked all day on painting the fence. The parents also drove the scouts to and from each work party.

I would like to say thank you to the Cub Scouts and the Girl Scouts from the Town of Delmar. We all appreciate you very much.

Cory Shaffer

Maryland Commissioner



Cub Scouts:

Grayson Leitner
 Logan Lemp
 Ernie Odham
 Carson Teter
 Dare Clough
 Jaron Delago-Diaz
 Ben Hartman
 Jacob Brewington
 Philip Cronhardt
 Jax Moran
 Christopher Smith
 Wesley Moore
 Jaziel Delgado-Diaz
 Emerson Rogers

Boy Scouts:

Ryot and Lennox Moran
 Leaders for the Cub Scouts
 Kip Leitner
 Amy Stevens
 Tricia Rogers
 Ernie Lemp
 Jacob Hartman
 Dawn Brewington
 Jessica Moran
 Dawn Leitner



Girl Scout Troop #1331

Aleese Augustin
Brynlee Calderone
Zorra Church
Aerial Ratcliffe
Kemaya Whittington
Felecia Fontaine
Ashley Hill
Maria Hobbs

A Message from the Desk of Delmar Police Department:

1 Activate your alarm system
While it may seem obvious, you might be distracted and you could be in a rush to get out the door.

2 Carefully manage your social media posts
Though you might be tempted to broadcast to the world about how excited you are for your holiday travels, resist the urge to let the world know that you are not going to be home.

5 WAYS TO STAY SAFE this Christmas

3 Lock everything
This seems obvious, but more often than you would expect, a burglar gets into a house because something was left unlocked.

4 Leave the lights on
This might not be the most energy-efficient advice, but the more it looks like someone is home, the less likely it is that someone will try to intrude.

5 Secure valuables
Never leave anything of value out in plain sight.

Info from The Gleaner: <http://tinyurl.com/hcx599g>



SNOW PLOWING INFORMATION

- **One of the most important tasks during the winter season for the Public Works Department is keeping Town streets clear before, during, and after snow events all winter.**
- **During a snow event, major roadways, intersections, hospital routes and school routes are plowed and salted first and repeatedly. Next, operators attend to the second-tier roadways including railroad crossings, neighborhood streets, cul-de-sacs, and alleys.**
- **Residents can help get the roads plowed faster and more effectively during the winter by moving parked vehicles off the street whenever snow is predicted. Sometimes a snow emergency is declared ahead of a snowstorm to give residents plenty of warning to move their parked vehicles.**
- **Please take into consideration that driveway aprons will be covered with snow from street plowing operations. While we understand that it is an inconvenience it is necessary so that roads can remain safe for drivers. Do not put snow from your driveway or sidewalk back into the cleared street.**
- **Be sure cars are off the road and not in an area where the snowplows or emergency vehicles may need to turn around.**
- **Remember, if you are following a snowplow and cannot see the truck's side mirrors, it's likely you are too close for the driver to see you.**