



Town of Delmar

Winter 2022

Newsletter



Congratulations!

The Town of Delmar, Maryland held its General Election on,
Tuesday, November 16, 2021

The newly Elected officials were sworn in office on,
Monday, November 29, 2021

Please join us in congratulating and welcoming newly Elected Officials:

Mayor Benjamin Jorden

Commissioner Boothe

Commissioner Shaffer

I Message from the Desk of Municipal Clerk Layton

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 are 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!

Garbage Collection

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

Allied Waste (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 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 Tib Bit! Garbage missed on pickup day call Town Hall and we will handle the situation on your behalf.



Message from the desk of the Community Development Coordinator, William Hardin:

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Outdoor, Recreation, Parks & Trails (ORPT Grant)

The Town of Delmar, DE has initiated a renovation project to purchase new and refurbish existing play equipment for placement in the West Delmar Tot Lot, W. Jewell St., Delmar, DE. The Delmar, Delaware Mayor and Council has approved allocation of \$34,000 matching ORPT grant to assist with funding for the project. The Park facility renovation began in the fall of 2020 with a joint tree planting by the town and the Delaware Forest Service. Targeted project completion by the Spring of 2022.

Community Development Block Grants

The Office of Community Development, Delmar, Maryland is currently accepting applications for the SFY 2022/2023 grant period to assist eligible low-moderate income, Delmar, Delaware/Maryland resident occupant/homeowners repair sub-code living conditions. Interested candidates should contact William Hardin, Community Development Coordinator at (410)896-2777 ext. 103 or come to Delmar Town Hall drive-thru to obtain program eligibility when funds become available. Eligible candidates, upon receipt of funding, will receive assistance in the order of the application submittal.

2021 Heritage Day Celebration

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to effect on our daily lives. The Town had hope to resume its annual Heritage Day celebration on September 19, 2021. Unfortunately, September 2022 is the earliest Delmar Heritage Day will resume. Follow us on our Facebook page at Town of Delmar, on the|Town website or contact Town Hall after January 1, 2022 for updates.



Message from the desk of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent, Frank Daniels:



FLUSHABLE WIPES, AND FATBERGS

- The Town of Delmar Wastewater Treatment Plant is asking residents to avoid flushing sanitation wipes even if the package states they are flushable! Other alternatives to toilet paper in local sewer lines as people practice guidelines to combat the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic. While the “flushable” wipes concern is not new to wastewater facilities. We ask that our residents remind you not to flush anything other than toilet paper, whether being used for personal hygiene purposes or for wiping and cleaning surfaces. Although many so-called disposable hand wipes are advertised as being safe for flushing, in reality they can cause backups in the system and contribute to build-up of foreign materials. In some cases, they can attach to buildups of grease in the system and create large blockages called “fatbergs”. Here are some items that should not be flushed down the sewer lines:



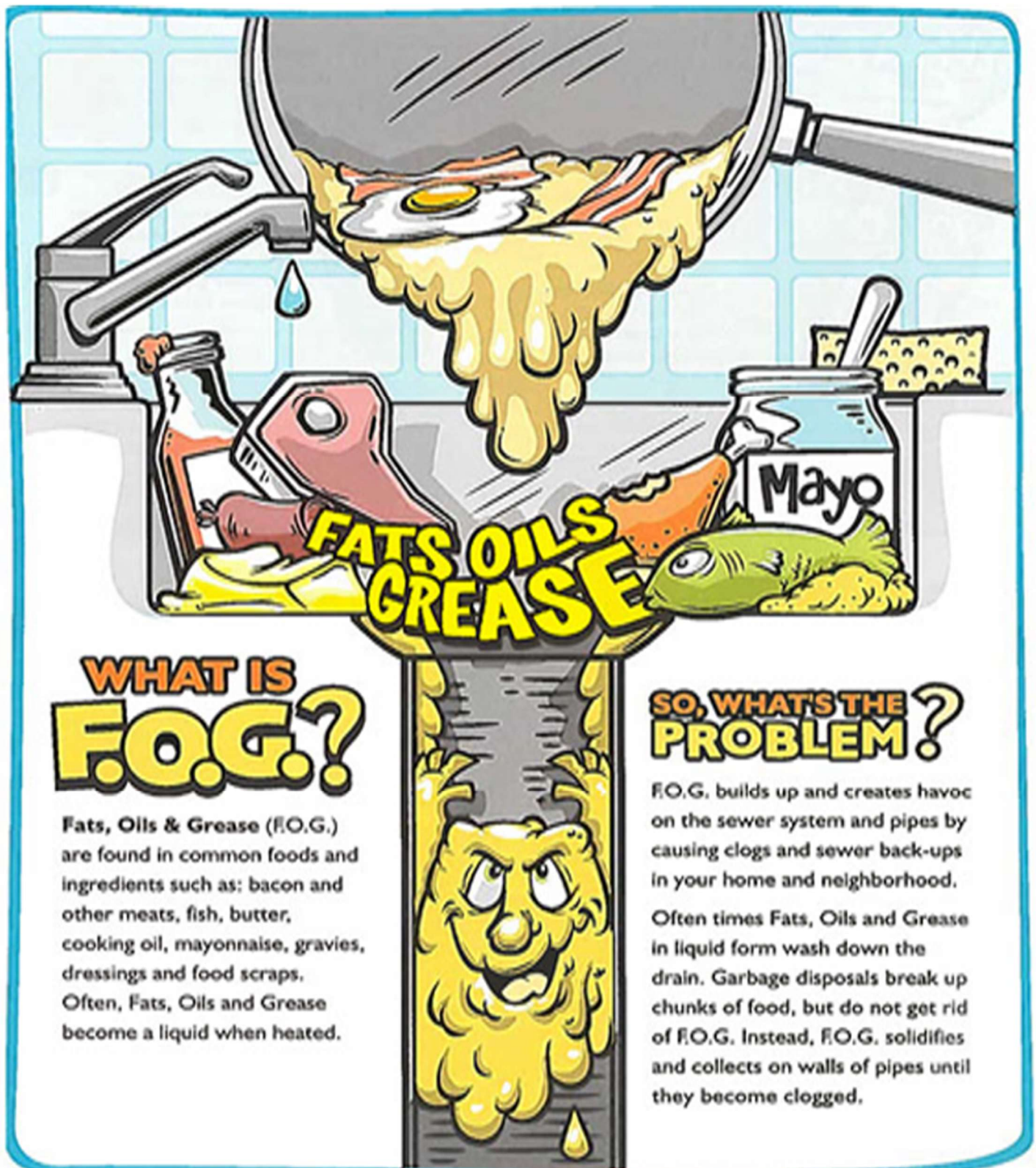
- Paper Towels
- Napkins
- Wet Wipes/baby wipes
- Facial Tissue

As a general reminder, here are Do's and Don'ts for avoiding back-ups in the local sewer lines.

- **DO NOT** flush wipes, gloves, towels or other trash down the toilet, even if they're labeled flushable.
- **DO NOT** pour grease down kitchen sinks or toilets. Instead, put grease in a sealed non-recyclable container and throw it out with regular garbage.
- **DO** toss dirty baby diapers, makeup and cleaning wipes, tampons, sanitary pads and condoms in trash.
- **DO NOT** use the sink as a toilet or the toilet as a garbage disposal.
- **DO** reduce and reuse by using compostable or reusable makeup applicators, like cotton balls, and cleaning supplies like paper towels or rags.
- **DO** recycle finished toilet rolls, cardboard packaging from toothpaste/brushes, and plastic packaging from shampoos and shower gels.

Thank you for helping to keep our communities and facilities clean and functioning.

Message from the desk of the Waste Water Treatment Plant Superintendent, Sophia Oberton:



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.



Let's keep the arteries of the Town fat free like the arteries in our bodies!

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.
- An increase in operations and maintenance costs for your Public Works Department, which causes higher sewer bills.

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.



Informative information about your recyclables:

RECYCLING IN DELAWARE

ACCEPTED IN CART

Place only these materials loose, empty, clean and dry in your recycling cart or dumpster:



PAPER

Magazines, junk mail, paper bags, office paper, newspaper, etc.



PLASTIC CONTAINERS

Leave lids on.



CANS, BOTTLES, JARS

Remove lids and recycle separately.

**KEEP YOUR RECYCLING
OUT OF BAGS. PLACE
ITEMS LOOSE IN THE BIN.**



CARTONS, PAPERBOARD, CORRUGATED CARDBOARD

NOT ACCEPTED IN CART

Keep these items out of your recycling cart or dumpster:



SHREDDED PAPER



FROZEN FOOD/ REFRIGERATED CONTAINERS



FOOD WASTE



COFFEE CUPS

Visit the
website to
learn about
recycling
these items:



BATTERIES



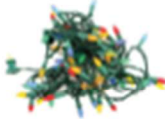
STYROFOAM



GARBAGE



MIRRORS AND WINDOW GLASS



TANGLERS Garden hoses, string lights, nylon rope, etc.



SCRAP METAL



PLASTIC BAGS

Return to
retail store.



ELECTRONICS



YARD WASTE



 www.de.gov/recycling

