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SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH

NewsLetter

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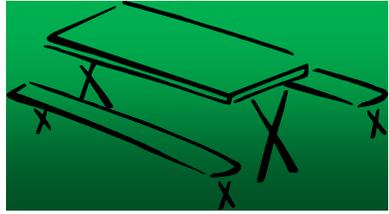
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The following is information that we hope will be useful to Borough Residents. Residents should always feel free to contact the Borough Office.



Borough Parks

The Borough parks will be winterized in October and will re-open near the end of April 2023, depending upon the weather. The parks can be used year-round from dawn until dusk. Reservations for next year's activities can be made beginning January 1, 2023. Contact the Borough office.



Trick or Treat Night

Date: Monday, October 31st

Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

To participate please turn on your front porch light between those hours.

Daylight Savings Time ends on **Sunday, November 6, 2022**. Turn your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on **Saturday, November 5, 2022**, and recoup that extra hour of sleep you lost in the spring.

- The Borough Crew will test the leaf pick up equipment in October. The 2022 Fall Leaf Pick Up will begin around the beginning of November depending on the weather and the leaves falling to the ground. Leaves should be raked in piles to the edge of the street, but **not** into the street and **not** near any obstacles. Remember, leaf collection cannot be conducted on days of inclement weather or if the leaves become too wet. **Do not put limbs in the leaf piles.** Limbs can damage and jam our leaf pick up equipment.

Shamokin Dam Community Yard Sale September 8-10, 2022

A Shamokin Dam Community Yard Sale will be planned again for this Fall. This event is not sponsored by the Shamokin Dam Borough, but interested community residents. All residents are invited to participate. If you are interested in participating set up your tables and join in on any or all of these dates.

WATER LEAKS: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW

Imagine that the dot (*) is the only hole in your home's water system. By its size alone, that hole may not seem worth tracking down. But that hole can waste more than 4,000 gallons of water each month – enough water to take a shower every day for more than half a year!

Consider how important water is for our families, pets, and environment, and you see that even tiny holes deserve immediate attention.

Getting Ready

Use the checklists on the following pages to help direct your search for some fairly common-and a few not so common – water leaks. How can you be sure your inspection will be as thorough as possible? The checklists cover three areas: common indoor leaks, not so common indoor leaks, and outdoor leaks. It's a good idea to have the following items with you as you begin your work:

- Flashlight
- Leak Detection Tablets or Food Coloring

SPOT YOUR SHUTOFF VALVE NOW

Your main shut-off valve controls all the water coming into your house. Everyone in your home should know the location of this valve, and how to turn it off. In case of an emergency such as a burst pipe, fast action could prevent costly damage from flooding.

If you don't know where this valve is located, it's important that you find out. Normally, it's near the water meter. If your meter is outside the house, find the place where the water service line enters the building. The shutoff valve is likely to be close by. Common locations are in the basement, under the kitchen sink, near the meter box.

After finding the valve, turn it to make sure it isn't stuck. Water valves are generally closed by turning the handle clockwise. If a valve does not turn easily, do not force it or it might break. Rather, you may want to have the valve repaired so that it will work when you need it.

Now you are ready to begin!

When opening the valve to turn the water back on, open it fully, then close it just a quarter of a turn to make closing the valve easier the next time. You should also check every water fixture shutoff valve periodically and consider operating the main and individual valves annually.

COMMON INDOOR LEAKS

The Leaky Toilet:

Toilet flushes make up about 25 percent of the average household use. Accounting for most of the indoor water waste, toilet leaks are often caused by worn or damaged parts in the toilet flush tank. Some of these leaks will empty directly into the sewer line without leaving any clues. Even so, you can check for leaks.

Common causes include:

Float arm problems: Remove the lid from the top of the flush tank. See if the overflow pipe and the plunger ball are working properly. Do this by flushing the toilet, watching the tank mechanism, and listening. You should hear the water flow shut off. If the water does not shut off, check the water level. If it has risen above the overflow pipe, gently bend the float arm down and flush again. You may need to replace the plunger ball if the water level is about one inch below the top of the overflow pipe and you still hear water flowing.

A tiny pinhole: A pinhole opening below the overflow pipe's water line could produce an invisible leak. Check for this by shining a flashlight down into the overflow pipe. If you see running water, you have a leak that should be repaired.

Defective plunger ball: This is often a silent leak which causes the tank to continually drain and refill. Check for a worn or improperly seated plunger ball by dropping one of the dye-tracing tablets or a few drops of food coloring into the toilet tank. Do not flush. If a leak exists, the dye-colored water will seep into the bowl in about five minutes. If it does, the plunger ball may need to be replaced or realigned.

The Leaky Faucet:

A slow drip can waste as much as 20 gallons of water each day. A mere 1/16-inch leak wastes 100 gallons of water each day. With that much water/money going down the drain, it's important to get leaky faucets fixed as soon as possible. If you notice that a faucet is dripping, first try closing it tightly. If it continues to drip, the most likely cause is a worn or wrong size seat washer. With just a little effort, you may be able to replace the washer yourself.

Not So-Common Indoor Leaks

Water Heater Tank:

The pressure valve release could be stuck. This valve is most often found near the top of the tank and is usually a large brass fitting threaded into the tank. If it's not working properly, water will be leaking from it, dripping down the side of the tank and accumulating on the floor.

Boiler:

Listen for the sound of running water. If it is continuous and does not stop and start periodically, your boiler system may have a leak.

Water Softener:

If you have a water softener, it could be wasting water if it is not recycling properly. The cycling process, regulated by a timer, often occurs between 2AM-4AM. You're likely to have a problem in this unit if you constantly hear running water.

Washing Machine:

If you see water on the floor near the machine, it could mean a leak.

Humidifier:

Water accumulated beneath the unit could be a sign of a leak. If the overflow discharge is piped into a sewer or drainage line, you may not find any visual signs of a leak. Listen for running water. If it's continuous, the float valve could be stuck.

Fire Suppression Systems:

Many new homes and businesses have fire suppression systems. If so, check to make sure that the sprinkler heads are tight and not leaking.

Dishwasher:

Water accumulated on the floor near the unit could be a sign of a leak.

Refrigerator Ice-making Unit:

A leak in the ice-making unit will cause excessive ice accumulation in the freezer and may also produce small puddles of water under the refrigerator.

Bathtubs & Showers:

Check the spout and shower head for dripping water.

Outdoor Leaks

When checking for water leaks, many people forget that water faucets and equipment exist outside as well as inside the home. Here are four areas you shouldn't overlook.

Water faucets:

Each faucet should be checked for leaks. Make sure faucets are closed when not in use. In colder climates, during the winter, these inside shut-off valves should be closed to prevent freeze-ups. Be sure to open the outside faucet after you have shut the inside valve so that any water still in the pipes will drain out.

Automatic lawn-sprinkling system:

Soft spots on your lawn may indicate a leak that is being absorbed into the ground.

Swimming Pool:

The pool system's automatic shut-off valve could be malfunctioning, causing a continuous cycle of water to be pumped in and then drained out. If the water level stays higher than normal, or the pool overflows when people are using it, your automatic shut-off valve may need some attention.

Service connecting line:

If you find a soft, wet spot on your lawn or hear running water outside your house, you may have a leak in the service line to your house. Water soaks into the ground, causing the soft spots. Close the main shut-off valve. If the sound of running water continues, the outside service could be leaking.

If you suspect that you have a leak after checking all the water outlets mentioned, then you may want to call the office or a licensed plumber for assistance.

Shamokin Dam Borough Office

Normal Office Hours

Monday through Friday - 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Closed for Lunch - 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM

The Borough office will be closed in observation of the following holidays:

Thursday – November 24th – Thanksgiving

Friday – November 25th – Day after Thanksgiving

Monday – December 26th – Christmas

Shamokin Dam Borough Council meets the first Monday of each month at 7:00 P.M.
(If a holiday happens to fall on that date, the meeting will be held the following day (Tuesday))
You are invited and encouraged to attend all Borough meetings. Meetings are held in the
municipal building located at 42 West 8th Avenue.

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday season!



**SHAMOKIN DAM BOROUGH
WELCOMES THE COMMUNITY TO A FREE SHREDDING
EVENT**

FOR OUR BOROUGH RESIDENTS ONLY

Date: September 16, 2022, between 9:00-11:00 AM

Location: Parking Lot of the Shamokin Dam Borough Office

What to Bring: All documents you no longer need that contain personal information, including Social Security numbers, credit card numbers and bank account numbers, such as credit card statements, credit card applications, bank statements, cancelled checks, income tax information, insurance records/information, including medical retirement/pension fund information.

The documents will not be shredded on site, they will be placed in a locked container and then transported to North Central Sight Services, Inc to be shredded.

Unacceptable Materials: No metals such as, but not limited to: 3-ring binders, batteries, electronics, large binder clips, tools; as well as, vinyl, plastics, x-rays, and/or other general waste products are not acceptable for shredding. **Staples and paper clips are fine.** Participants shall not provide any material considered toxic or dangerous or which is regulated as hazardous materials.

This event is for Borough residents only; no businesses please.