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AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT:

The Borough of Kutztown Wastewater Treatment Plant has experienced high organic loadings entering the facility sporadically over the last two years. Organic loadings include detergents, soaps, fats, greases and food particles, especially where garbage disposals are used. The plant has not experienced an issue with treating the waste; however, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) sets a limit on the amount of organics that can enter the facility. In turn the PA DEP has placed the Wastewater Plant in a Corrective Action Plan.

In order to be in compliance with, and reach a goal to dissolve the Corrective Action Plan, the Borough is voluntarily implementing a pre-treatment program to minimize the impact and amount of organics reaching the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

To help reduce the amount of organics entering the waste stream residents are urged to consider the following practices:

- Reduce the use of solvents and detergents entering the system. Example: run full loads of laundry instead of several small loads, run dishwashers at full capacity, use the minimum amount of solvent/detergent that is needed, take showers instead of baths, etc...
- Do not use or keep the use of garbage disposals at a minimum. Garbage disposals allow a high volume of solids and organic waste to enter the system. Instead compost or put food wastes in the trash.
- Never pour fats, oils, and greases down the drain. Instead keep a container in the freezer that can be used to store these wastes. When full discard in the trash.

There is also valuable information and brochures on the Borough's Web site pertaining to this and other matters involving wastewater. We highly encourage you to please visit <http://www.kutztownboro.org/departments/wastewater/index.php> for these resources and at home practices.