
Here's what's been Happening at the Freeland Municipal Authority

November 2019

We have been busy.

As of September 2018, we have a new above ground water tank that replaced the 100-year-old in ground reservoir. We have installed corrosion control in the new reservoir building to control the hard water in the Freeland wells. The pH is being raised and an ortho phosphate is being used to place a protective coating on the water pipes in our system. We also have been flushing the fire hydrants on a regular basis, and we have been getting good feedback on our water quality.

WATER TANK



PUMPS FILL THE WATER TANK



IMPORTANT INFORMATION :

- If you pay your bill via on-line banking, please make sure you have the correct mailing address. Freeland Municipal Authority, P. O. Box C. Use this address for your Water & Sewer Bills Only.
- Your Storm Water & Garbage Bills as well as Bulk Stickers are Freeland Borough items.
- We use the Swift Reach call out system to keep you informed of hydrant flushing, water boil advisories, and the Police Dept uses it to keep you informed when there is a snow parking ban. If you haven't updated your information with us this past year, please do it now.
- As of January 1, 2020 , **we will no longer be accepting cash payments.** You can still pay by check or money order at the office & **we will be accepting credit and debit cards** at the office as well. We also have a new website to pay your bill on-line. The link to pay your bill online can be found on our website: <https://www.fmaws.org>. Click on the link that says, "pay your bill".
- The bills are sent out the 1st of every month, they are due by the 20th of every month, or the next business day for holidays or weekends. If you do not receive your bill, or if you are a tenant that pays the bill, you can call us or come to the window and we can give you a copy.
- Infiltration & Inflow, better known as I & I, needs to be eliminated from the Sewer System. If you have a sump pump, rain gutters, roof leaders or floor drains connected to the sewer system, they need to be **removed immediately** to be in compliance with such ordinances.

WE ARE OUT & ABOUT



In May We Purchased & Installed A New Drinking Fountain at the Freeland Public Park on Front St.

★ **Our Backhoe Operator helped the Freeland Recreation Board with the installation of new Playground equipment the Park this summer.**

In June we replaced our 2001 Mack Dump Truck with this 2019 Ford F550



DID YOU KNOW??

The Freeland water system has over 19 miles of pipe?

The first sewer lines were constructed in 1927?

There are with the new installations 94 active fire hydrants?

The FMA system has 747,000 gallons of water storage?

During the last two years over 70 manhole castings were replaced to insure better roads?

An entire system flush uses 850,000 gallons of water over 5 days to keep the system clean?

HERE IS SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.

A “running” toilet can waste 2 gallons of water a minute (that’s 96,000 gallons a month). A “silent leak” in a toilet can waste up to 7000 gallons of water per month.

Do you want to check yours? The best way to test for a silent leak is using the dye test. Start with a clean water tank and toilet bowl. The water in both should be completely clear. Add food dye, or drink mix to the water tank on the back of the toilet , seeing a change in the bowl water will let you know if it’s the flapper. Also, if the dye is not in the tank but is gone, it would be your overflow.

We want to hear from you. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please call us @570-636-1733 or come to see us at 711 Birkbeck St. We are here Mon – Fri. 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Our email address is: fmaws@fmaws.org

If you experience any problems with your water, let us know at the time it happens. We can’t fix it, if we are not aware of it.

We are not on Social Media, so please don’t turn to Facebook for answers. If you want to get the right answer, please talk to us directly.