



# Hamilton Township Water Pollution Control 2018 Newsletter Update



Mayor Kelly Yaede

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## Don't Flush These Items Down the Toilet!

Please dispose of these items in **trash**

- ◆ Disposable Wipes or Baby Wipes
- ◆ Grease and/or Cooking Oil
- ◆ Disposable Gloves
- ◆ Paper Towels
- ◆ Moist Towelettes
- ◆ Toilet Cleaning Pads
- ◆ Feminine Hygiene Products
- ◆ Cotton Swabs
- ◆ Any Medication
- ◆ Diapers

## Keep Our Waterways Clean

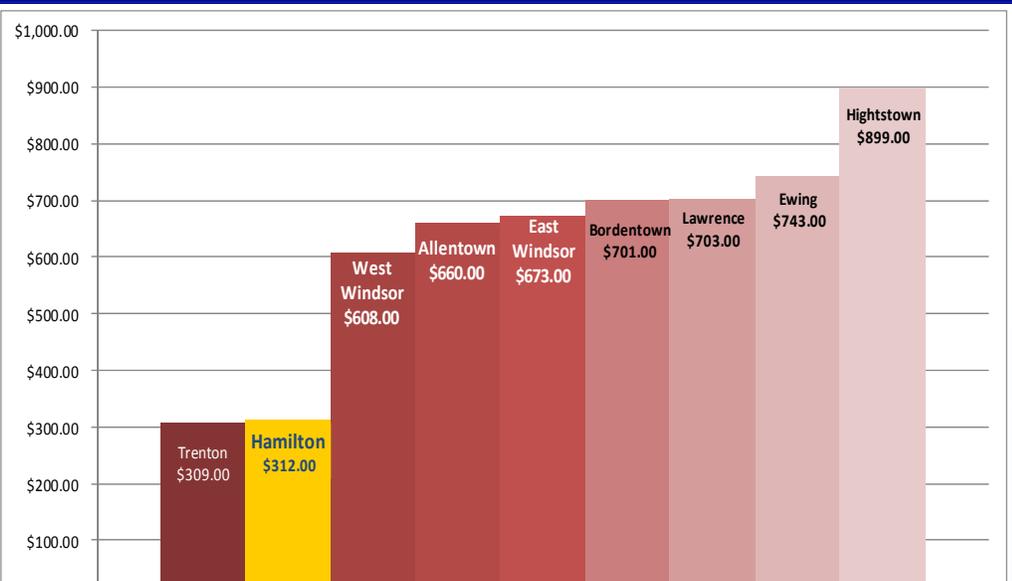
- Limit use of fertilizers and pesticides
- Properly use and dispose of hazardous products
- Do **NOT** pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local water-bodies and the water is **NOT** treated
- Do **NOT** put trash or pet waste in storm drains
- Dispose of yard waste properly; leaves and grass are **NOT** to be put down storm drains

## Exciting Ways Hamilton's Protecting Our Environment



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Exciting Workshops and Efforts

## Hamilton Delivers One of the Lowest Sewer Bills in Our Region



Many towns' residents pay **TWICE** the amount Hamiltonians pay  
(Figures based on annual sewer cost for family of four)

Hamiltonians enjoy one of the **lowest sewer utility costs** around.

This year's residential bill of \$312 - which has remained flat since 2009 - results in a sewer bill that is **almost half the amount that families pay in neighboring towns.**

But the dollars paid by residents go to important uses - like maintaining the 340 miles of system collection lines and Hamilton's treatment plant - so Hamilton can protect waterways and meet State environmental regulations. It also funds critical repairs that will help **save money in the long run**, such as

the following projects:

- A major pipe lining project that protects the system **all across town**
- Improvement of asset management to **help prioritize repairs**
- A sludge processing project to **reduce future waste removal costs**

**Water Pollution Control**  
609.581.4140 (Answered 24 / 7 / 365)

**Residential Clogged Sewer Help**  
609.581.4140 (Mon - Fri, 8am - 3pm)

**Pay Your Sewer Bill Online**  
[HamiltonNJ.com/PayOnline](http://HamiltonNJ.com/PayOnline)

## Exciting Ways Hamilton's Protecting Our Environment

Mayor Kelly Yaede and her administration, along with Hamilton's Environmental Commission are working to improve our local environment and our sustainability. Here are just some of the ways.

- Hamilton earned the 5th largest 'Clean Communities' grant in NJ
- Received the 12th highest recycling tonnage grant in the state in 2017
- Has been a Tree City USA for 12 consecutive years
- A solar system supplements our Public Works garage
- Our Ecological Facility is a 'regional leader' for recycling and shared services
- We were the first town in NJ to use garbage collection trucks with cleaner-burning natural gas
- Our Environmental Commission has completed our Environmental Resource Inventory and identified our community's vernal pools
- Hamilton holds annual Stream Cleanups
- Through our partnership with the Rutgers Cooperative Extension – Water Resources Program and our Environmental Commission, we have held residential rain barrel and rain garden workshops to improve stormwater management
- We have permanently preserved over 21 percent of our entire town as open space
- We promote recycling through our publications, neighborhood cleanups, events with scouting troops and programs in our local schools
- Our Environmental Awards Program promotes sustainability by recognizing honorees who have improved our local environment
- We have a Township 'Green Team' subcommittee
- And soon, Hamilton is poised to earn Bronze certification in the Sustainable Jersey Municipal Certification Program.

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## 'Flushable' Wipes & Grease Clog Our Pipes Help Us Keep Both Out of Our System!



This picture illustrates how grease can form clogs inside our sewer pipes.

**How can 'flushable' wipes not be flushable?**

**And why is grease such a big deal for our wastewater system?**

Because once they go down the drain, they do **NOT BREAK DOWN**.

Rather, they form **DANGEROUS CLOTS** that are more difficult to remove than residents might imagine.

For instance, even wipes that are advertised as 'flushable' are **NOT**. When flushed, these products actually clump together and become difficult to pass through our collection system.

They often lead to back-ups in wastewater pipes and residential laterals.

The same goes for grease. Most people assume that grease remains a liquid. However, after being flushed, the opposite happens. The grease actually forms **solid clumps that can become as hard as concrete**. Often, the solid grease cause significant damage to our system.

That is why Hamilton's Department of Water Pollution Control vigorously monitors signs of grease entering our system and requires commercial customers to install external grease traps.

So help us protect our system so that it continues to work for you. **KEEP WIPES AND GREASE OUT OF OUR SYSTEM!**

### ***Hamilton is Saving You Money on Your Flood Insurance***

You now **save 15 percent** on flood insurance premiums if you live in a Special Flood Hazard Area (discounts are automatically applied by a resident's insurance company).

If you reside in an area with minimal risk for flooding (and do NOT have a Preferred Risk Policy or a Minimum Risk Policy), you may be eligible to **save 5 percent** on your flood insurance premiums.

Find out more at:

[HamiltonNJ.com/Flood](http://HamiltonNJ.com/Flood)

### ***Our Mission at WPC to Serve You***

***The primary mission of the Hamilton Township Department of Water Pollution Control (WPC) is to provide high quality wastewater utility service while protecting the public and the environment.***

***WPC is proud to serve the residents of Hamilton Township, Robbinsville Township and the commercial ratepayers of the WPC service area.***

***WPC does NOT provide services related to drinking water (resident either receive from Trenton Water Works or Aqua NJ).***

***For more information, please visit:***

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