

TOWNSHIP OF CHIPPEWA

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Dear Chippewa Township Sewer District:

With the increase in new property owners, we would like to remind everyone of some important information regarding the Chippewa Lake Sewer District.

If you are having any operating issues with your sewer system, you **MUST call 231-867-3616** and leave a detailed message with your Full Name, a phone number where you can be reached at, the property address, and the nature of the sewer problem. **This is the ONLY phone number that is monitored after hours and on weekends. Please do not call the Township office number because it is not monitored after business hours.**

Toilet paper and human waste are the **ONLY** things that are allowed to be flushed in your toilet. Wipes, even the ones that say flushable, condoms, tampons, paper towels, etc. are **NOT** to be flushed! If any of these items are found, while pumping your system, you can be charged up to \$250 for the first offence. (Section 1104 of the Chippewa Township Sewer Ordinance)

Section 1102 of the Chippewa Township Sewer Ordinance states that No unauthorize Person shall maliciously, willfully, or negligently break, damage, destroy, uncover, deface, or tamper with, climb upon, or enter into any structure, appurtenance, or equipment of the Public Sewer System. **No rocks, bushes, or plants can be planted within 6 feet of the Sewer lids.** Stones, roots, dirt, etc. fall into the holes while we are working on the sewer equipment and it can damage the pumps. If we respond to a service call and we find rocks, bushes, plants, etc. around your tank lid, your system will be shut off until the property owner has removed all the stones and vegetation so we can make the necessary repairs.

If you have been away from your home or cottage for an extended period of time and you shut off your power; when you return and turn your power back on; you may get an alarm. Please wait 10 - 15minutes before you call the Sewer phone number. We ask this because the pump generally recycles in that amount of time and the alarm will shut off.

If you are building within the Sewer District, you must apply for a Sewer Clearance Permit. Your building permit will not be approved through Mecosta County if you don't have an approved Sewer Clearance Permit first. Sewer Clearance Permit Applications are free to file and can be located at www.chippewatwp.org under the Sewer tab or you may call the Township offices, and we can mail you a permit application. New or relocating Sewer System constructions season is from May 1st through October 1st.

If you have any questions; please contact the Chippewa Township Offices. A copy of the Sewer ordinance can be found on the Township website: www.chippewatwp.org

Sincerely,

The Chippewa Township Board