



Hometown Heroes Banner Program:

The Clarks Summit Borough is proud to announce the Hometown Heroes Banner Program. The program serves as a tribute to recognize past and fallen men and women from the Clark Summit Borough who have served our country in the armed forces. Heroes must have been a resident of 25 years of Clarks Summit Borough to participate in the program. Contact the Borough for an application – 570-586-9316.

FLUSHABLE WIPES: Personal wipes do cater to the consumer by being efficient and convenient, but flushing them down the toilet may be a mistake. Wastewater authorities say wipes may go down the toilet, but even many labeled flushable aren't breaking down as they course through the sewer system. Combining with grease and oils, these wipes are often causing blockages and costing tax payers millions of dollars. Understand that anything that can flush down a toilet is "flushable". A golf ball is flushable, but it's not a good idea.

Preventing wet wipes from blocking sewers is just one part of the personal wipe problem. The wipes also might pose environmental risks, because they're made from plastics and synthetic cellulosic fibers, some of which are non-degradable. All of this ultimately makes its way to the country's system of creeks, streams and rivers.

PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION: On Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 6:30 PM the Council for the Borough of Clarks Summit would like to invite all residents and property owners to attend a Public Education/Information session discussing the Borough's requirements on Stormwater and Sewerage Controls and how you can help. With recent federal mandates, this session is vital to help all understand the changes coming our way, and how you can help control costs, thus keeping taxes down, and see immediate savings in your pocket, at the same time helping the community and the environment.

CLARKS SUMMIT BOROUGH'S NEW QUALITY OF LIFE ORDINANCE: The purpose of this Ordinance is to ensure the health, safety and welfare of residents and visitors to the Borough by pursuing lack of maintenance of properties, improper storage of trash and rubbish, storage of inoperable/non-registered vehicles, and accumulation of snow and ice. Upon finding a quality of life violation, any Public Officer authorized by the Borough of Clarks Summit, may issue quality of life violation tickets to the owner and/or occupant of the property at issue. Violators will face the following fines:

| Description | Fine 1 | Fine 2 | Fine 3+ |
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| Accumulation of rubbish or garbage | \$25.00 | \$50.00 | \$100.00 |
| Animal maintenance and waste/feces clean-up | \$25.00 | \$50.00 | \$100.00 |
| High weeds, grass, or plant growth | \$25.00 | \$50.00 | \$100.00 |
| Motor vehicles | \$25.00 | \$50.00 | \$100.00 |
| Outside placement of indoor appliances/furniture | \$25.00 | \$50.00 | \$100.00 |
| Snow and ice removal from sidewalks | \$25.00 | \$50.00 | \$100.00 |
| No containers for waste or trash | \$25.00 | \$50.00 | \$100.00 |

Winter Reminders:

- Snow and ice shall be removed from sidewalks in all business districts within 2 business hours after the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet, or freezing rain or by the beginning of business hours of the next business day following such fall, whichever is shorter.
- Snow and ice shall be removed from all other sidewalks within the Borough on the same day of the cessation of any fall of snow, sleet, or freezing rain or within the first 4 hours of daylight after the cessation of any such fall, whichever is longer.
- In the event the snow/ice becomes so hard that it cannot be removed, abrasive material such as sand or ice melt material is suggested. A clear path of at least 30" wide is required on the sidewalk area.
- No person shall deposit any snow next to a fire hydrant or on any sidewalk or roadway.
- Do not shovel/blow snow into the roads.
- No on-street overnight (11pm to 6am) parking in the borough until 4/1/17
- Please do not use salt on concrete sidewalks

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: To the people and businesses that have donated time, materials or money to the Borough of Clarks Summit:

Hudak Masonry

Clara (Pudge) Adcroft

Rosario's Pizza

Recycling Reminder: Please remember to recycle! The following is a list of acceptable products for recycling:

#1-7 Plastic Bottles, #1-7 Plastic Tubs & Screw Top Jars, Cans, Clean, Balled Aluminum Foil (2" or Larger) and Pie Pans, Corrugated Cardboard & Paper Bags, Empty Aerosol Cans (No Caps), Empty Pizza Boxes, File Folders, Glass Bottles & Jars, Loose Metal Jar Lids & Steel Bottle Caps, Magazines, Brochures & Catalogs, Newspapers & Inserts (No Plastic Bags), Opened Mail, Junk Mail, and Greeting Cards, Paper-back Books, Paperboard Boxes, Paper Egg Cartons, Paper Milk/Juice Cartons (No Foil Pouches), Phone Books, Rigid Plastics, Shredded Paper (must be in clear plastic bags), White or Pastel Office Paper

Tree Planting - What can you do to help? Clarks Summit Borough has committed to a goal to increase our tree canopy to 45% by the year 2025. By meeting this goal, Clarks Summit will fulfill its commitment to the Chesapeake Bay Initiative, an everyone-is-downstream effort to clean up the bay and our own waterways by planting trees throughout the watershed. We want to encourage borough residents to help us meet this goal by planting more trees in their yards. The trees that you plant locally to help clean the Chesapeake Bay watershed regionally will also cool your homes and purify the air in summer, provide natural habitat for wildlife, reduce storm water run-off, and beautify your neighborhood and the borough of Clarks Summit.

If you plant a tree anywhere in your yard, we can count it towards our goal. Please let us know. You can contact the borough office at 570-586-9316.

Proper Disposal of Grease - The Abington Regional Wastewater Authority needs your help! There are few items in the world of food more difficult to dispose of than grease. And you should never take a shortcut by pouring it down the drain! Incidents have occurred in neighborhoods where the sewer pipes were clogged with fat, and people's basements flooded with sewage as a result.

So what should you do? For fats that solidify, let them do so, then pitch them in your regular garbage. Chill grease in the fridge if you need to get it to harden up. For ones that don't solidify, pour them into a bottle, and throw the whole container away with your regular garbage.

FYI Local governments in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are afforded sovereign immunity against third party claims for property loss under the Political Subdivision Tort Claims Act. Some exceptions do apply, but generally conditions are very specific for exceptions to be validated. Because most sewer system backups are unforeseen events, they generally do not fall under this exception. Therefore, damage to your home or property is typically not compensable by the Borough or its insurance carrier.