

# Pipelines

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## Telephone Numbers

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562-7450  
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562-7495

Public Relations  
562-7679

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562-5925

Web Address:  
[www.co.greene.oh.us/saneng/](http://www.co.greene.oh.us/saneng/)

## Northwest Regional Water Plant to expand

The master plan for the Northwest Regional Water System is complete and calls for the plant to expand from its current 5 million gallons per day (mgd) to 10.5 mgd. The plant may eventually expand to 15 mgd, sometime in the next 10-20 years.

The master plan was planned to prepare for the next 20-25 years and looked at a variety of issues regarding the water supply. Among those questions is whether or not the County

continues to purchase water from other jurisdictions. Those will be looked at on an individual basis.

Plans call for three more filters to be constructed at the water plant in addition to more pumping capacity, aeration facilities, storage, and production wells. The current filters at the water plant were originally rated at 5 mgd, but the County has been approved to operate them at 7.5 mgd.

If additional wells had been in place, the

County would not have had to issue watering restrictions in June. With one of the wells out of production for cleaning, and the hot weather, the system could not meet the demand. When the production resumed, the problem ended, but there is no flexibility in the system.

There will be an approximately 18-month construction period once the improvements are bid and awarded.

## County adds electronic recycling

### First computer collection successful

The success of the computer recycling event held in July has led the County to add electronic recycling to

its appliance/scrap metal collection days.

Residents may drop off computers, televisions, radios, CD players, boom boxes, and other electronics the second Saturday of each month (third Sat-

urday in November), from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Environmental Services Offices on Greene Way Blvd.

Television screens and computer monitors should be no more than

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**Paying bills**

Customers can pay their bills at the following locations:

Security National Bank, 3566 Jasper Pike, Jamestown

Key Bank, 3294 Kemp Road, Beavercreek

Key Bank, 18 West Franklin, Bellbrook

Lofino's, 3245 E. Patterson Road, Beavercreek

Discount Drug Mart Store # 57, State Route 725, Bellbrook

Cedarville Hardware, 63 North Main Street, Cedarville

Customers can also pay their bills by mail, through automatic bank debit or in person at the Sanitary Engineering Department Administration Building, 667 Dayton-Xenia Road, Xenia, 45385, Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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19 inches. Any item containing a coolant (refrigerators, air conditioners, freezers, dehumidifiers) must be tagged that the coolant has been properly removed.

The County is looking into additional programs. One is the possibility of training staff to remove the coolant from the appliances themselves. This would also require

the purchase of special equipment, but could save residents money in the long run. Staff is also working on the possibility of collecting old tires.

**Lawn irrigation wastes water**

Fall and winter is a good time to plant grass seed for your lawn, but it is a good idea to consider summer heat when choosing what grass to plant.

Irrigating an established lawn during the hot summer months is both wasteful and expensive. Most grasses go dormant during droughts, returning to normal when rain returns, so watering the lawn is unnecessary. Water provided by the County is aerated, filtered, and treated before coming to your home, adding to the cost of the water.

There are a number of grasses available that are more tolerant of drought conditions. Check with your local nurseries to

see which are the most drought resistant.

Other actions can improve the health of your lawn and make it more able to withstand the hot days of summer:

- ◆ Fertilize your lawn regularly to encourage strong roots. Don't over-fertilize or use a fertilizer that encourages more top growth.
- ◆ Keep the lawn weeded but do not overuse herbicides as they can find their way into our streams and rivers through run-off.
- ◆ Aerate your lawn regularly.
- ◆ Increase your mowing height as the temperature increases.

Remember, just as lawns turn brown from water shortages, they also return to lush green grass when conditions improve.

There are a number of web sites that can provide additional information on ways to keep your lawn healthy while still conserving water. The American Water Works Association ([www.awwa.org](http://www.awwa.org)) has a number of articles on conserving water. The Natural Resources Conservation Service ([www.nrcs.usda.gov](http://www.nrcs.usda.gov)) also has information for homeowners on water conservation. More lawn care information is available at the Master Gardener website, [www.hcs.ohio-state.edu](http://www.hcs.ohio-state.edu).