

# Pipelines

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## Telephone Numbers

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Sanitary  
Engineering  
Department**

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**Billing**  
562-7457

**Customer Service**  
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/)

## Care of your sanitary sewer system saves water, prevents troubles

Putting items down your toilet or kitchen garbage disposal that do not belong there can waste water, clog lines, and present other hazards.

Please do not use your sanitary system as a trash can. See the chart at right for items that should never be put into the sanitary sewer system.

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Glass	Metal
Cat litter	Plastic objects (toys, utensils, etc.)
Seafood shells	Candle wax
Diapers, socks, rags, or cloth	Sanitary napkins or tampons
Aquarium gravel	Rubber goods
Grease and/or oil from skillets, turkey fryers, deep fryers	Explosives
Strong chemicals	Gasoline
Paint thinner	Flammable material
Lubricating oil	Paint
Solvents	Trash

## Good watering practices protect water system, save money

While the Greene County Sanitary Engineering Department continues improvements to the Northwest Regional Water System water system, Commissioners are taking care that the system is not put into an emergency situation again

and are asking residents to continue the odd/even watering practices.

The odd-even system is easy to follow: if today is the 21st of the month and your address is 969, it is your turn to water. On the 22nd of the month,

your neighbor at 968 can water.

If you water your lawn during the summer, we have some suggestions to conserve water, which will in turn, save you money.

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**Collection events set**

Greene County is once again holding monthly collection events in 2009. The events will be held on the second Saturday of each month for the remainder of the year. The dates for the event for the remainder of 2009 are: July 11, August 8, September 12, October 10, November 14, December 12. Greene County residents can bring Household Hazardous Waste, scrap metal, appliances (including those with Freon), and electronics to the events, which run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. They are held at the Environmental Services Division building, 2145 Greene Way Blvd, in Xenia. We do not accept paint or used motor oil. See our website at <http://www.co.greene.oh.us> for more information on what to do with these items and more on the Collection event.

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The County is asking that residents with irrigation systems set them in accordance with the recommended practices as much as possible. Keep in mind that watering every other day can actually be over-watering your lawn. Area landscape and irrigation experts say only one-half to one inch of water a week is needed to keep lawns green. Deep watering once a week, or at most, twice a week is better than shallow watering daily.

If you have an irrigation system, make sure it is in good operating condition (no leaks) and is programmed correctly. Please keep the watering practices in mind when programming the device, or make sure your landscaper programs it correctly. Establish settings to conserve as much water as possible.

Please keep in mind that weekends represent the highest times of use and the greatest challenge to the water system

Water your lawn in the early morning hours only

Mulch your flowerbeds, trees and shrubs to conserve moisture.

There are a number of websites available that provide information on the most cost effective and water efficient way to irrigate your lawn. To find out more about irrigation in Ohio during drought conditions, go to this website: <http://ohioline.osu.edu/hyg-fact/4000/4-29.html>

The County established a Master Plan to upgrade the water system and determined improvements were necessary in water line distribution, water production, and water treatment. Improvements are underway in all three areas:

- Water line construction on Dayton-Xenia Road, Alpha-Bellbrook Road and Orchard Lane should make a big difference in moving water from north Beavercreek to south Beavercreek. Additional improvements are planned
- New wells were included as part of the Master Plan. One new well was brought

on line in 2007; two more were brought on line in 2008, and the County continues to seek additional water sources.

The expansion of the Northwest Regional Water Treatment Plant is well underway. Once completed, the improvements will increase water treatment capacity from 5.5 million gallons per day (mgd) to 10.5 mgd. That project is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

The County is also implementing a planning program to determine the most practical way to obtain water in the future. All options are open but may include continuing to search for good local sources or purchasing water from a neighboring community.

Visit our website on a regular basis for updates. Go to [www.co.greene.oh.us](http://www.co.greene.oh.us) and click on Sanitary Engineering.

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Also use care in what you put down the kitchen waste disposal unit. These guidelines are especially true for residents of the Shawnee Hills subdivision, where the grinder pump system presents special challenges.

Remember if you have hazardous chemical, you can bring them to the Collection

Day event, which will be held on the second Saturday of each month through the remainder of the year. See the article on this page for more information about the events.

To prevent unnecessary stoppages and inconvenience, we urge you to exercise proper care of your sanitary sewer system.