

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF BRIGHTON
GRINDER PUMP AND SEWER
DO'S AND DON'TS

The following instructions were established to allow the sewer department to better assist sanitary users in the Brighton Township sewer system. Your cooperation is essential in the operation and maintenance of the sewer systems grinder pump stations. The list below demonstrates things you can do or things not to do in order to lengthen the life and condition of the grinder pump station.

Do Not dispose of the following items in the sewer: Glass, Metal, Seafood Shells, Grease/Oil from cooking, Aquarium Stones, Diapers, Socks, Rags or Cloth, Plastic objects like Toys and Utensils, Sanitary Napkins or Tampons and Kitty Litter.

The following items must **never** be put into the sewer: Explosives, Flammable materials, Lubricating oil and/or Grease, Strong chemicals, Paint thinners, Gasoline etc.

Individual grinder pumps and the Township's pump stations cannot dispose of wastewater without electrical power. If electrical power service is interrupted, please avoid water usage.

Grinder pumps have a high water level audible (buzzer) and visual (red light) alarm. If the alarm activates, the audible alarm can be acknowledged and silenced by pressing the button located on the bottom left corner of the control panel. This will silence the buzzer but the red light will remain on. Immediately call **1-866-806-1718** for an operator to troubleshoot the problem. This number is posted on the control panel. Avoid water usage until the problem has been rectified.

Keep the control panel clear from obstructions including bushes and other landscaping items.

In order to work properly, the grinder must be vented. **Do Not** cover the grinder with landscaping, etc.

Do Not change the grade around the grinder. The grade must allow for water to travel away from the grinder.

The Township owns the grinder station; however, the homeowner will be responsible for the cost of the repairs for damage he/she has caused. Refer to the **Do Not and Never** items above. They are the most frequent causes of bills for repairs sent to the homeowner. This list is sent as a Public Service to help you avoid damaging the Grinder Pump.

Any repairs or relocation to the station, electrical service or control panel must be done by Township authorized personnel during regular working hours (M-F, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) call 1-810-229-9950. For emergency repairs call 1-866-806-1718.