

Monthly Utility Tips

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ENVIR-O-NEWS

September 2012

Make a Difference Day—Fall Clean Hamilton Event



MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY
NATIONAL DAY OF DOING GOOD

Don't Pass it up—Pick it Up! The City of Hamilton is participating in the Make a Difference Day 2012. Make A Difference Day is celebrated each year on the 4th Saturday in October. Created by USA WEEKEND Magazine, it is the nation's largest day of volunteering. The City of Hamilton is planning a citywide clean up October 27, 2012 from 8:00 a.m till noon. Volunteers are encouraged to wear an orange shirt in celebration of the fall season.

Large groups are encouraged to check in at 345 High Street to receive supplies and

assignments. Area volunteer sites include Bailey Square, North End Ball Field, Presbyterian Church, Partners in Prime, Texas Roadhouse Main Street, German Village Carriage House, Boys and Girls Club on Grand Blvd, Lindenwald at Heaven Sent, and Potters and Twin Run Golf Courses.

This is a litter and debris "Clean Hamilton" event. No Freon appliances, hazardous waste, tires, construction debris, or large house hold items will be accepted. To volunteer to help with this event contact the City Volunteer Coordinator at 844-8050. All other questions call 785-7229.

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Race for Global Water



The 3rd annual 5k run and walk sponsoring Water for People will be held October 27, 2012 in Fairfield, OH at Water Works Park. The groundwater consortium supports

Water for People's mission of installing sustainable water systems and sanitation facilities in developing countries which helps to save thousands of lives every year. This year we hope you will come out and show your support so we can make a great donation to the organization to encourage this important work. Help people receive clean water- run or walk a 5k!

Pre-registration has already begun. Fee: \$15 for the run/walk, \$20 for the run/walk and a shirt. Awards will go to the top 15% runners/walkers in each age division. If you are not a runner/walker, we gladly accept donations!

The 5k event serves as an excellent educational opportunity for our community with numerous hands-on exhibits and activities for children, including games, face painting, and a free Kids Fun Run. Help Water for People continue its life saving mission- come run or walk!

For more information:

<http://ohio5k.tap.waterforpeople.org/main>
or
<http://www.gwconsortium.org/water-for-people.php>



At Work for You!

345 High Street
Hamilton, Ohio 45011

City Garage/Emergency
Phone: 785-7550

Customer Service
Phone: 785-7100

**Community Recycling
Drop—Off** locations are located at the following Fire Stations:
Pershing Ave
N. Brookwood Ave.
N. Erie Hwy.

For your safety... important facts about your natural gas lines

As a natural gas customer with the City of Hamilton, we want to make you aware of some important information related to your gas service lines. We hope this information is helpful in answering any questions you may have about the customer-owned portion of your gas service.

What you need to know about maintaining your gas service lines:

- The maintenance of buried gas piping from the outlet of the gas meter to the furnace and/or other gas appliances is the customer's responsibility. Because these lines are either buried or inside the home, the customer is responsible for the maintenance of these lines.
- For your safety, all buried piping should be periodically inspected for leaks. If the buried piping is metallic, it should be periodically inspected for corrosion. Buried piping that is not maintained is subject to potential hazards of corrosion and leakage.
- If an unsafe condition is found, it is the customer's responsibility to have the gas piping promptly repaired.
- If you plan to do any excavating or digging near buried

gas piping, the piping should be located in advance and digging should be done by hand. Before you dig or excavate, call the **Ohio Utility Protection Service by dialing 811 or 1.800.362.2764** at least two (2) business days in advance.

City Inspected Piping



Customer Inspected Piping



To obtain help:

- Plumbers and heating contractors can assist in inspecting, repairing and locating customer-owned pipelines.
- For additional information about gas safety, please visit www.hamilton-city.org
- If you have any questions, please contact a customer service representative at 513.785.7100

It's a Toilet not a Trash Can

Some Things Just Don't Belong in the Toilet...

Toilets are only meant for one activity, and you know what we're talking about! When the wrong thing is flushed, results can include costly backups on your own property or problems at your local wastewater treatment plant. That's why it's so important to treat toilets properly and flush only your personal



contributions to the local wastewater treatment plant.

Don't rush to flush any items like:

- Baby wipes and diapers
- Rags and towels
- Cotton swabs
- Syringes
- Candy and other food wrappers
- Clothing labels
- Cleaning sponges
- Toys
- Plastic items of any description
- Aquarium gravel or kitty litter
- Rubber items such as latex gloves
- Cigarette butts
- Sanitary napkins
- Hair
- Underwear
- Prescription or over the counter medication
- Disposable toilet brushes

Fall Storm Water Alert

Yard debris, including leaves and other organic plant materials like shrubbery trimmings and grass clippings, are a significant source of stormwater pollution...plus they can clog the storm drains!

Debris can carry fertilizers and pesticides from your yard and deposit them in our rivers and streams.

Here are some ways you can help right on your own property:

- Don't use your hose as a broom. Sweep up yard debris rather than washing it down the driveway or street. Compost or recycle your yard waste.
- Fertilize now rather than springtime. Fall fertiliza-

tions promotes vigorous root growth and prevents fertilizer from leaching into our streams.

- Do a soil test and consider phosphorus - free fertilizers. Contact your OSU County Extension Service office for more information.

- Choose fertilizers with "slow release" forms of nitrogen which are less likely to leach untreated from your yard through the storm drains into our rivers, creeks, and streams.

- Read and follow manufacturer's instructions. More is not better!

