

## FLUSH WITH CARE

*Under a new Township Ordinance, property owners  
who damage grinder pumps will pay for repairs.*

Sewage grinder pumps are a critical component in the Township's wastewater treatment system. The pumps, which are in operation at dozens of properties throughout West Bradford, help to properly convey wastewater to the treatment plant for processing.

While located on private property, grinder pumps are owned and maintained by West Bradford Township. A grinder pump will last many years under normal operating conditions. And when the pump requires repair or replacement due to expected wear and tear, the Township provides this service at no cost to the property owner.

But under an Ordinance adopted by the Township in August, property owners who cause damage to their grinder pumps by discharging unauthorized materials into the wastewater system, or by other acts, will be required to pay for the pump's repair... **a cost that can easily exceed \$3,000!**

So before you flush and send other things down the sink drain, please remember that the only materials permitted to be discharged into the sanitary sewer system are...

1. human waste and toilet paper;
2. grey water from showers, sinks, tubs and dishwashers;
3. conventional food wastes (*not including grease!*) as processed through an in-sink garbage disposal unit; and,
4. laundry washing machine discharge.

All other materials are not permitted to be discharged into the Township's sewer system, and these materials can damage or destroy your grinder pump. This includes so-called "flushable" baby wipes (*Warning!...All varieties of baby wipes will damage your grinder pump!*), feminine products, diapers, plastics, latex and grease.

The new grinder pump Ordinance may be viewed at [westbradford.org](http://westbradford.org).

Not sure if your property has a grinder pump? If a cream-colored control box (with a red plastic light on top) is attached to the side or rear of your house, your property is serviced by a grinder pump. But if you have additional questions about grinder pumps and your property please call the Township at (610) 269-4174.



**WARNING!** "Flushable" baby wipes are not flushable! These wipes will clog and damage your grinder pump.