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To: Residents of Bangor Borough, Northampton County, PA

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Permit – Public Outreach Message

The goals of all MS4 programs as required by PADEP are to reduce the discharge of pollutants from the Borough to protect water quality and to satisfy requirements of the Clean Water Act. Bangor Borough would like you to remember that the water and any items that go into a storm sewer go directly into streams. This water is not cleaned in any way and does not go to the wastewater treatment plant. Bangor Borough needs all of its residents to assist us in keeping our stormwater and storm sewer system clean by doing the following:

- ✓ Dispose of water properly
- ✓ Clean up after your pets
- ✓ Use fertilizers properly and efficiently to prevent excess pollutant runoff
- ✓ Store materials that could pollute stormwater indoors
- ✓ Monitor stormwater inlets near your property.

Residents may be the first to recognize "illicit" discharges dumping into storm sewers or coming out of storm sewer outfalls. If you see an "illicit" discharge, please report it to the Borough by one of the following methods:

- Call the Borough office at 1-610-588-2216
- Fax the Borough office at 1-610-588-6468

What You Can Do

Here are some of the most important ways for Borough residents to prevent stormwater pollution:

- ✓ Properly dispose of hazardous substances, such as used motor oil, cleaning supplies and paint - **never pour them down any part of the storm sewer system, and report anyone who does.**
- ✓ Use pesticides, fertilizers and herbicides properly and efficiently to prevent excess runoff of these items.
- ✓ Look for signs of soil and other pollutants, such as debris and chemicals, leaving construction sites in stormwater runoff or tracked onto roads by construction vehicles. Report poorly managed construction sites that could impact stormwater runoff to the Borough.
- ✓ Install innovative stormwater practices on residential properties, such as rain barrels or rain gardens, that capture stormwater and keep it on-site instead of letting it drain away into the storm sewer system.
- ✓ Report any discharge from stormwater outfalls during times of dry weather (72 hours after rain event) - there could be a problem.
- ✓ Pick up after pets and dispose of their waste properly. No matter where pets make a mess - in a backyard or on open space - stormwater runoff can carry pet waste from the land to the storm sewer system to a stream.
- ✓ Store materials that could pollute water indoors and use containers for outdoor storage that do not rust or leak to eliminate exposure of materials to stormwater.

To learn about water quality and simple ways to protect our water log onto EPA's Toolbox <http://www.epa.gov/gateway/learn/water.html> or DEP's Toolbox

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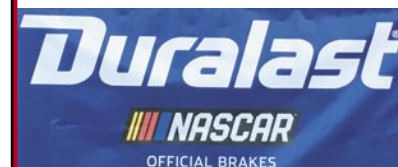
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Bigger is Not Better

A correctly sized air conditioner is the key to a comfortable room or house. In the case of a central system, a sizing calculation is done before selecting the correct size for the home. That is the crucial moment for making things work well and having a comfortable place to live. Far too many contractors and salespeople will round up every number that gets entered into the calculation and then fail to take other important factors into account.

Shade from a porch or even a tree can change the load as can drapes or low-e glass. I have been doing these calculations for over 30 years and many things have changed with the programs since then but the calculations are still exactly the same. What I don't understand is why so many air conditioning systems are grossly oversized. With every increase in output, there needs to be an increase in airflow. That means more ducts and larger ducts and that all equates to more cost. So in addition to the higher cost of larger equipment now you have more cost for the duct system too. I may have been hesitant 30 years ago to go with the numbers the computer generated but I was using exact data on the size and construction of the house so I didn't second guess them. Never since then have I ballparked a job by eye or rounded up to the next size or two sizes higher and never have I had a house that could not reach the setpoint.

I'll admit there are people who keep their home much too cool and I have had to accommodate them but normally nobody sets their system at or below 70° in the summer. Still I see systems 50-100% oversized for a home and can't imagine who would agree to install something like that. When I do a replacement on a system like that, I will perform a load calculation and install the correct size system and probably save them close to \$1000 on the job.

The same is true for a window unit. Don't buy the biggest one you can afford, buy what is right for the room size. A 5000 btu room air conditioner will cool a 12' x 15' room with no problem. Some other factors come into play but that's a close approximation. Don't buy a 12,000 btu unit unless you can get the air from that unit to circulate through 1000 square feet of your home. It will just cycle too often and make a lot of noise.

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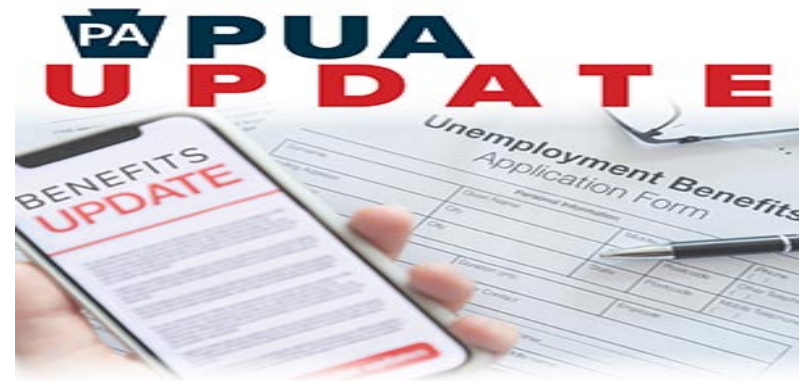
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An Update on Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)

By Rep. Joe Emrick

BANGOR - If you have a debit card issued to you by the Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation (UC) Office, your Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) benefits payments have resumed to those cards as of Tuesday, June 9.

If you do not currently have a UC-issued debit card, you will be receiving one in the mail very soon. If you received a UC-issued debit card, but discarded it or lost it, you must contact U.S. Bank ReliaCard for a replacement at 888-233-5916.

Your PUA benefit payments will switch from direct deposit to the UC-issued debit cards starting on or around June 16 until further notice. These changes are necessary to combat potential scam attempts and all Pennsylvania PUA claimants will receive deposits onto debit cards as their payment method until direct deposit payments resume.

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