

Public Education & Home Disposal Practices

January: Public Service Announcement

The City of Cornelia asks its residents to please contact the proper authority before installing septic tanks or having a septic tank repaired. Before installing septic tanks or repairing them you need to consult with the County Health Department as well as the City of Cornelia. The County and the City have policies in place for proper siting, inspection, and maintenance of septic tank systems. For more information on septic tanks systems siting, inspection, and maintenance please go to the City of Cornelia's web site and drop down under the Water Pollution Control plant tab, email the W.P.C.P. at wpcp@corneliageorgia.org, or call the W.P.C.P. at 706 778-6461

April: Public Service Announcement

The City of Cornelia would like to ask its citizens to join in cooperation with the City in making sure that excess fertilizer for gardens, lawns and landscaping do not run off and enter the storm sewer drains. Applying fertilizers in the proper amount, at the right time of year and with the right method can significantly reduce how much fertilizer reaches water bodies. Keeping animals and their waste out of streams keeps nitrogen and phosphorus out of the water and protects stream banks. Also Sweep up any grass clippings or fertilizer spills on driveways, sidewalks and streets. Instead of planting and mowing turfgrass here, plant wildflowers, ornamental grasses and shrubs or trees. These plantings absorb and filter runoff that contains nutrients and soil, as well as provide habitat for wildlife. If you have any question or concerns you can contact the W.P.C.P. at wpcp@corneliageorgia.org or call 706 778-6461.

July: Public Service Announcement

The City of Cornelia asks its residents to please investigate ways to help conserve water. One way to help conserve water is by saving used water from showers, bathtubs, and sinks. This water can be used for watering plants, gardens, and landscaping purposes. A second way is by placing catch barrels at the bottom of your down spouts from your gutters. This water can be used for the same purposes. A third way is by connecting a greywater filtration system to your home. For more information on using reclamation water and conservation please visit the City of Cornelia's website and drop down under the Water Pollution Control Plant tab. If you have any questions, please call 706 778-6461 or e-mail the W.P.C.P. at wpcp@corneliageorgia.org.

October: Public Service Announcement

The City of Cornelia ask its residents to please take caution before disposing of any household products down the drain to determine if such products may be listed as hazardous or harmful. This may interfere with the City's ability to properly treat waste at its Water Pollution Control Plant. If you are on a septic tank system, it may cause failure or require maintenance to be performed more frequently on your system. To determine if a product is hazardous, please read the ingredients and warning labels published on the back of the product. If you have any questions about whether a product may be hazardous, please go to the City of Cornelia's website and drop down under the Water Pollution Control Plant tab for a partial list of hazardous waste. Cleaning products listed with ingredients consisting of ammonia and phosphorous can severely impact the ability to treat the wastewater. If you have any questions, please call 706 778-6461 or e-mail the W.P.C.P. at wpcp@corneliageorgi.org.

- **The City of Cornelia would like to ask all its citizens to take precaution concerning what you dispose of down the sink or toilet. Grease should not be poured down the sink as it will eventually cool and solidify causing blockages in your line as well as The City's sewer lines. A good way to dispose of hot grease is to keep a spare tin can and to pour the grease into the can, allow to cool, harden and then dispose in the garbage. Rags, disinfection wipes, baby wipes or wet wipes, feminine products and other things such as this should be carefully wrapped in toilet paper or paper towels and disposed of in the garbage. These types of products while they usually say "flushable" does not mean that they are Bio-degradable. Anything that is not bio-degradable will eventually make its way into the sewer tangle with other materials and grease which cause blockages resulting in overflows. This also cuts the life expectancy of the sewer lines down which results in higher cost for water/sewer rates. The City of Cornelia is partnering with you the citizens to do all our parts to help eliminate as many of these problems as we can. Toilet paper is the only biodegradable product on the market that is acceptable to flush down the toilets in moderation. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping The City of Cornelia operating efficiently and as cost effective as possible.**