



Shaler Township

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Important Information Regarding Your Swimming Pool Building Permit

Congratulations on your new pool. This document is provided to you for informational purposes only regarding the filling of your pool.

You have an option with the Hampton Shaler Water Authority to purchase a “deduct” meter. This deduct meter is installed after your main water meter and shall be used ONLY for filling your swimming pool, hot tub or watering your lawn. With certain restrictions, the water used through this meter does not enter the sanitary sewer system and is exempt for sanitary sewer charges on your bi-monthly water/sewer bill. The cost of this meter can be obtained by contacting the Hampton Shaler Water Authority at 412-486-4867. Please explain to them that you live in the Shaler Township service area. Before purchasing the deduct meter, it is best to verify the cost and installation specifications of the meter and waterline with qualified contractors. While the cost of the meter may be low, the cost of waterline installation could be high, depending on site specific factors.

Many residents contact the water authority and ask for a one-time exemption for the filling of their new pool. Shaler Township is one of several municipalities that is served by the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority. Each time a bill is prepared a file is transmitted to ALCOSAN by the billing agency. ALCOSAN then issues a “bulk bill” to Shaler Township for all water used from the water meter readings.

ALCOSAN does not permit one-time credits for water used for filling pools. Credits were common practice many years ago and has since been eliminated by action of ALCOSAN. Under the direction of the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Shaler, we have directed the Hampton Shaler Water Authority not to issue one time credits for filling of pools. Fire companies are also prohibited from using fire hydrants to fill swimming pools.

As we are unable to receive credit for your water usage, we cannot authorize these credits to new pool owners.

Remember: Shaler Township and The Department of Environmental Protection only permit dechlorinated pool and hot tub water to be discharged/drained onto the ground or into a storm sewer.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.