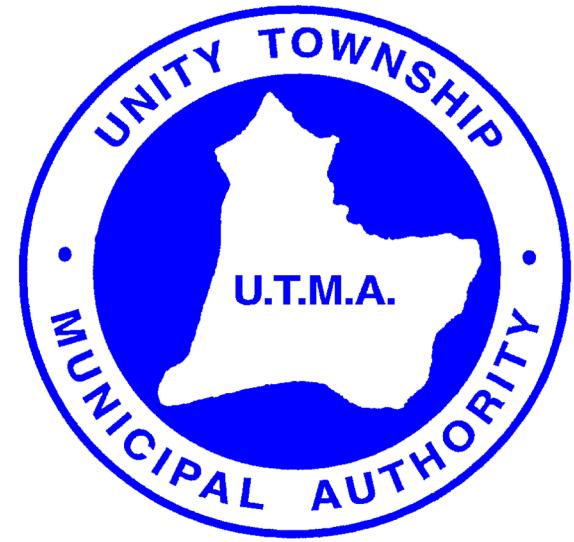


If you experience a major sewerage back-up in your home or business report the situation to the Unity Township Municipal Authority. If the amount of sewerage is small you may be able to clean it up yourself; if the back-up is large enough to require siphoning and pumping you should contact a contractor who is qualified to clean-up and decontaminate the area.



## **Sewage Spill Clean-up Tips**

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## Safety Hazards From Sewage Back-up

The greatest danger when you are trying to stop a sewer back-up and clean it up is the risk of electrocution or explosion.

- ◆ Do not enter a flooded basement or light matches until the utility companies have shut off the gas and electric service.
- ◆ If flood waters or sewage fill your basement, you must clean properly to prevent you and your family from becoming sick or injured.
- ◆ Do not bring children into the flooded area during clean-up.
- ◆ If you experience a sewer back-up, it is recommended that a professionally trained restoration firm be utilized. If it is a small event and you prefer to do the work yourself, follow the suggestions in the Cleaning and Sanitizing section.

The information provided in this pamphlet is based on the Risk Communique' provided by Glatfelter Public Practice a Division of Glatfelter Insurance Group.

## Cleaning and Sanitizing

- ◆ Wear personal protective equipment including long sleeves, long pants, gloves and rubber boots.
- ◆ Drain all flood waters and/or sewage by natural draining or pumping.
- ◆ Remove dirt, soil and debris from surfaces that came in contact with flood waters.
- ◆ Wash down all walls, floors and surfaces that the flood water or sewage touched with clean, hot water and a low suds detergent.
- ◆ Rinse with hot water.
- ◆ Sanitize by rinsing the walls, floors and surfaces using a liquid disinfectant at concentrations recommended by the manufacturer or eight (8) tablespoons of laundry bleach in each gallon of water used.
- ◆ During the cleaning and sanitizing aggressively air the area with fans and open windows.
- ◆ Persons engaged in cleaning operations should be particularly aware of their personal hygiene. Hands should be kept away from eyes, nose and mouth. Do not smoke because soiled hands can carry disease germs to the cigarette and then to the mouth.
- ◆ After clean-up, make sure that all clothing and parts of the body that came in contact with the flood waters and sewage are thoroughly washed. Wash hands frequently, thoroughly and immediately afterwards.

## Who We Are

The Unity Township Municipal Authority (UTMA) owns and operates approximately 180 miles of collection line, 8 pump stations and 2 wastewater treatment plants serving approximately 7,100 customers, including homes, businesses and industries. Wastewater generated by these customers is processed at the 0.950 MGD Pleasant Unity Wastewater Treatment Plant, 0.950 MGD 14 Mile Run Wastewater Treatment Plant, 5 MGD Latrobe Municipal Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Hempfield Township Authority New Stanton Plant.

UTMA's annual operating budget is approximately \$6,000,000.

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