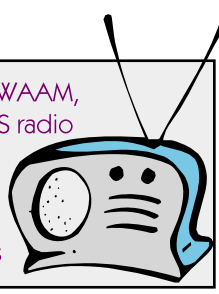




Keeping Your Drinking Water Safe!

On July 17, 1998, a 16-inch water main ruptured within the City of Ypsilanti portion of YCUA's water distribution system. A large volume of water was lost in a short period of time, which caused a possible loss of water pressure within City limits. A loss of water pressure, even for a short duration, potentially allows untreated water to enter the water main. In these cases, a precautionary "boil water" advisory is issued until bacteriological tests are taken. These tests take 24 hours to complete. For your protection, we issued a "boil water" advisory on Friday the 17th, which lasted through the evening of the 18th, when we confirmed that all samples taken from our distribution system showed no evidence of contamination. Such boil water advisories and other water system emergencies are broadcast through local media outlets, including WJR, WAAM, WEMU, and WSDS radio; the Ypsilanti Press; and local television news stations.

Tune into WJR, WAAM, WEMU, or WSDS radio for any future water system emergency announcements



One way to avoid ruptured water mains is to improve aging mains. A water main replacement project in northern Ypsilanti Township is scheduled for this fall. At this time, bids are being received and a contractor selected.

In this issue of The Main Stream, our series on YCUA departments continues, focusing on the Service Department. This busy group keeps our water and sewer mains operating and installs new taps. All of us at YCUA are here to ensure you have a safe drinking water supply and effective wastewater treatment services.

Sincerely,

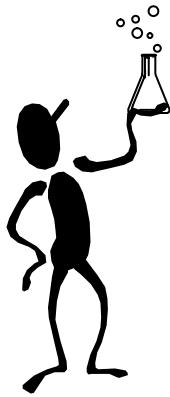
Larry R Thomas
Director

Pilot Compost Facility Nears Completion

Transforming biosolids, a by-product of the wastewater treatment process, into soil-enriching compost is what the pilot composting project at YCUA is all about.

Our goal is to make the highest quality compost possible. All residential and industrial users of the YCUA wastewater system can contribute to compost quality by not disposing toxic substances such as paints or solvents down the drain.

Construction of a pilot-scale facility to house composting equipment is nearing completion, with operations expected to begin by the end of 1998. A year's worth of testing in this facility will help YCUA evaluate the operational, economical and environmental benefits of composting as an alternative to the current practice of incineration and landfilling of the biosolids.



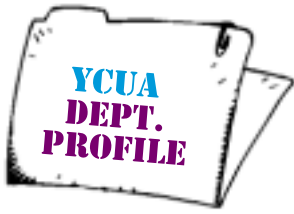
For more information about how you can help keep our compost clean, contact:

- **Larry Thomas**
YCUA Director
734.484.4600, or
- **J.D. Lindeberg**
Project Consultant
734.996.1361, ext. 241.

Did you know . . .

If you are leaving town for the winter months, you may consider having YCUA turn off your water supply from the source to avoid frozen or ruptured pipes. For more information, or an appointment, call 484.4600





The Service Department

YCUA's Service Department employs 27 employees working out of the Service

Center located at 2780 Clark Road in Ypsilanti Township. This group installs and repairs numerous water mains and sewer lines each year throughout the Township and City of Ypsilanti. They are also responsible for maintaining and flushing YCUA's sewer system. This group includes three service crews, a sewer crew, an administrative assistant, a purchasing clerk, a stockroom worker, two laborers, one custodian/groundskeeper, two auto mechanics, a supervisor and a superintendent of service.

Their objective is to ensure reliable and safe delivery of drinking water to your home or business, and to ensure efficient transport of wastewater to the plant for processing. If at any time you observe a water main break, please report it to YCUA at 484-4600, ext. 300, and know that the Service Crew will be working to restore service promptly.



Service Crew repairing a water main

Holiday Closings

YCUA is closed on the following dates:

- Nov. 11, 1998 - Veterans Day
- Nov. 26 & 27 - Thanksgiving
- Dec. 24 & 25 - Christmas
- Dec. 31 - New Year's Eve
- Jan. 1 - New Year's Day

We wish our customers a safe and enjoyable holiday season! If you require emergency services on the above dates, a special Holiday Call-Out rate will be charged to your account. There is no charge for routine services provided on regular business days.

Don't Throw Your Money Down the Toilet!

Most toilet tank leaks are not discovered until your water bill suddenly increases and prompts you to find out why. Rust, corrosion, hardening of rubber valves, and other wear-and-tear related problems contribute to leaky plumbing fixtures. Small leaks run constantly and, without attracting attention, can waste enough water to meet the needs of several families.

One way to test for probable leaks from the flapper is to color the water in the flush tank with food coloring. If something is not working properly, the colored water will seep (without flushing) into the bowl, providing a visible clue to the presence of the leak.



You can also monitor your water usage and detect leaks by reading your meter on a monthly basis and comparing it to your previous bill.

It is estimated that 20% of all toilets leak. Make sure that you are not one of the unlucky people literally throwing money down the toilet!

Diameter of Stream	Gallons Lost	YCUA Units
1/4"	787,667	1,053
3/16"	444,000	594
1/8"	197,333	263
1/16"	49,333	66

Water Lost per 2-Month Cycle at 60 psi Water Pressure

1 unit = 100 cubic ft.



Questions? • Comments? • Concerns? • Kudos?
ALL WELCOME! Call YCUA at 734-484-4600

