



LCO HOUSING NEWSLETTER

The LCO Housing office will be closed on Monday, September 4, 2023 for Labor Day.



Waatebagaa Giizis - Leaves Turning Moon - September 2023



September Birthday Greetings

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| Memphis DeMain | 9/1 |
| Keisha Chino | 9/4 |
| Aiden J Quaderer | 9/4 |
| Doug Coon | 9/7 |
| Roxanne Isham | 9/8 |
| Jessica Bunker | 9/8 |
| Malakai Kingfisher | 9/9 |
| James Dennis III | 9/12 |
| Cassandra Taylor | 9/14 |
| Mike DeMain | 9/15 |
| Bradley Trepania Jr | 9/18 |
| Trinity Wocelka | 9/20 |
| Meagan Grover | 9/21 |
| Kip Coffman | 9/25 |
| Alex Dennis | 9/30 |

Congratulations to Lawrence Quagon and family of the Water Tower community! They were the YARD OF THE MONTH winners for AUGUST!



We would like to thank Robin Thorne, of RTHawk Housing Alliance for being a guest Yard of the Month judge

2023 FIRE & SAFETY FAIR

We would like to thank everyone that attended this year's Fire & Safety Fair. Special thanks to the Housing Authority crew that made this event possible, and to the LCO Fire Department, LCO Health Center, and LCO Police Department for their time and effort in making this event fun and educational for all.



2023 Fire and Safety Poster Winners

- Grade K-3rd winners**
 1st place winner-Brenda Burch
 2nd place winner-Emma Quagon
 3rd place winner-Zachary Trepania
- Grade 4th-6th winners**
 1st place winner-Caleb Burch
 2nd place winner-Taija Martin
 3rd place winner-Kason Long
- Grade 7th-8th winners**
 1st place winner-Gabriella Grover
 2nd place winner-Daycia Merrill
 3rd place winner-Daniel Burch
- We would like to thank all the kids that participated in this years contest— you all did a great job!

In the case of an emergency, please call the on-call Maintenance @ 715-798-1594.



- ◆ For your convenience, rent payments can be made by phone with a valid credit/debit card, Mon—Fri. 8-4 pm. Payments can also be deposited in a drop box, which is located to the left of the main entrance door.
- ◆ Applications for housing can be picked up at the office front desk or they are available on the Housing Authority's website <https://www.lcoha.org> and may be emailed to info@lcoha.org, mailed to the Housing Authority, or put in the drop box.

MAINTAINING YOUR SEPTIC AND DRAINFIELD

Laundry

Spread Your Washing Machine/Dishwasher Usage Throughout the Week

You may think having a designated "laundry day," when you wash all your clothes and perhaps even run your dishwasher, will be a time saver. But it puts a lot of stress on your septic system. You need to give your septic system time to treat the wastewater, or you could overload the system and flood your drainfield. Instead, opt to do a full load [to ensure you're not wasting water] a couple of days a week.

Don't Treat Your Toilet Like a Trash Can

The **ONLY** thing that should be flushed down the toilet that doesn't come out of your body is toilet paper. Toilet paper is designed to break down in the septic tank. Any other items are not; they'll clog and damage your septic system. Look for toilet paper that is safe for your septic. Some of the lush, expensive brands with lotions and extra ply could clog or add unwanted chemicals into your system.

Never flush: Cooking Grease or Oil, Non-flushable wipes, such as Baby Diapers, Wipes or other Wet Wipes, Tissues, Feminine Hygiene products, Condoms, Dental floss, Diapers Cigarette butts, Coffee grounds, Cat litter, Paper towels, Pharmaceuticals, Household chemicals like Gasoline, Oil, Pesticides, Antifreeze, and Paint or Paint Thinners.

Think About What You Dump Down the Kitchen Sink Drain—Think at the sink!

We dump many things down the kitchen sink that can wreak havoc on a septic system. Never wash things like coffee grounds, eggshells, medication, produce stickers, flour, etc. down the sink drain. All can clog pipes or block screens. Also, **never** pour cooking oil or grease down the drain, grease and fat will clog your septic system. Do not discard any type of oil or paint. Even dairy products like milk, cream and butter are bad to send down the drain. It's hard for dairy to break down in a septic tank because of the lack of oxygen. When you use a garbage disposal with a septic tank, the ground-up food particles add to the layer of solids deposited on the bottom of your tank. That's why homeowners need to be extra vigilant that the only material they put down a garbage disposal is biodegradable food. Your septic system contains a collection of living organisms that digest and treat household waste. Pouring toxins down your drain can kill these organisms and harm your septic system. Whether you are at the kitchen sink, bathtub, or utility sink: Avoid chemical drain openers for a clogged drain. Instead, use boiling water or a drain snake. Never pour oil-based paints, solvents, or large volumes of toxic cleaners down the drain. Even latex paint waste should be minimized. Eliminate or limit the use of a garbage disposal. This will significantly reduce the amount of fats, grease, and solids that enter your septic tank and could clog the drainfield.

Be Careful With Cleaning Chemicals

Various cleaning products homeowners use can harm the good bacteria in a septic system. Avoid using chemicals like bleach when washing clothes. If you absolutely must, use a small amount. Do not use drain cleaners, which, aside from killing the good bacteria, can damage the tank itself. If a plunger doesn't clear a clog, try a toilet drain snake, which also works on clogged kitchen and bathroom sinks. Toilet bowl cleaners are also bad for your septic as they typically contain bleach. Avoid antibacterial soaps and disinfectants that contain quaternary ammonia as well. Fortunately there are lots of natural or plant-based cleaning product alternatives to these harsh chemicals.

Maintain Your Drainfield

Your drainfield—a component of your septic system that removes contaminants from the liquid that emerges from your septic tank—is an important part of your septic system. Impermeable materials, such as concrete and asphalt, should not be laid on top of a drainfield because they reduce evaporation and the supply of oxygen to the soil. Oxygen is critical to the healthy bacteria in your septic system and the proper breakdown of sewage by soil microorganisms.


Here are a few things you should do to maintain it:

Parking: Do not park or drive on your drainfield. The weight of vehicles and heavy equipment compacts the soil, which can damage pipes. Most drainfields [such as rock and pipe, chamber system, etc.] are constructed in open lawn areas and are not designed to handle vehicles or heavy equipment driving on them.

Planting: Plant trees the appropriate distance from your drainfield to keep roots from growing into your septic system. A septic service professional can advise you of the proper distance, depending on your septic tank and landscape.

Placing: Keep roof drains, sump pumps, and other rainwater drainage systems away from your drainfield area. Excess water slows down or stops the wastewater treatment process.



 **The heating season is rapidly approaching!** Please make sure you check your tanks and be prepared for the upcoming heating season! The price for LCO for the upcoming season will be, **\$1.69.9**. Reminder to call your heating provider and update your contact information. **Also, please be sure to change your furnace filter!** Remember to check the size before you come to pick up a new one. You can pick up new filters at the LCO Housing Authority Office. When expecting a delivery of gas, please make sure that the path to your tank is clear.