What is a PEP Tank?

Pretreatment Effluent Pumping (PEP) tanks were installed on residential properties in the early development of Palm Coast as receptacles to collect wastewater. They act like septic tanks, but instead of having an onsite drain field, water is pumped into a wastewater collection system. Approximately half of Palm Coast homeowners have PEP tanks buried in their yards. PEP tanks are usually installed in the ground opposite water meters, with control panels placed on the outside wall of a house that hold electric components needed to properly operate the system.

If you have a PEP tank in your yard, here are some facts you need to know:

1. A green light indicates the system is working.
2. A red light signals a malfunction and an alarm will sound. If this happens, press the available alarm silence button at the bottom of the panel and call 988-2360. Utility technicians are available 24/7, weekends and holidays. Also call if you notice a depression in your yard near the PEP tank lid.
3. If you have a power failure, conserve water. Limit showers, dishwasher usage, toilet flushes.
4. Always protect your PEP system – don’t throw plastic, cigarette butts, grease, coffee grinds, sand, naphthalene, flammable liquids or household chemicals down a drain or toilet.

For more information, log onto www.palmcoastgov.com, go to the Utility Department information and follow the prompts for wastewater and PEP tanks.

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1. Irrigation is limited to one day per week. Odd-numbered addresses on Saturday; Even numbered addresses on Sunday.
2. Irrigation is allowed between 4 pm and 10 am for users of private irrigation wells, on your designated days.
3. Residents using city water may irrigate only between midnight and 10 am, on your designated days.
4. Hand-held hoses equipped with automatic shut-off nozzles are allowed at any time.
5. Micro irrigation (drip systems and bubblers) are allowed at any time.
6. Reclaimed water usage is allowed at any time, but when reclaimed water is available, the use of private irrigation wells is not authorized.

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Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony: Mon., Nov. 30, will light up your holiday season with the City’s annual tree lighting ceremony at City Hall. Call 386-986-3700 to reserve a Seat. The ceremony will be held on the steps of City Hall and open for business at 6pm at Central Park in Town Center.

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Lens Trends  Palm Coast photographers are following the popular trend to capture the City’s beauty by submitting extraordinary photos for our Annual Find Your Florida Photo Contest.

Congratulations to the following winners:

First Place - Duane Van Horn “Our Children Reading in the City”

Second Place - James Cacciatore “Shame in You”

Third Place - Martha Gartno “Almost Heaven”

Honorable Mention goes to photos taken by: Marcia Jewell, Duane Van Horn, Britney lasimone, Kelly Hay, Joan Twing, Duane Van Horn, Kacie Dragstedt, Martha Gartno.

In a separate City of Palm Coast employee photo contest, the following winners were recently honored:

First & Second Place - Lucy Nabico, Third Place - Larry Fitzgerald

Honorable Mentions: Heather Priestrap, Larry Fitzgerald, Tom Hanson, Lucy Nabico. Winners photographs can be viewed on the City’s website at www.palmcoastgov.com/photocontest and will be displayed at City facilities.