

MARKEY TOWNSHIP SEWER USAGE CLAIM
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q – After I submit a claim form, how long will it be before I receive a check?

A – It is the Township’s intention to process all claims within 60 days of the date of receipt of the claim form. If for any reason the Township is not going to be able to meet that deadline in your instance, the Township will endeavor to contact you to explain the cause of the delay.

Q – Why am I required to furnish my social security number at the time I am submitting the claim form?

A – Persons receiving a refund from the Township will receive interest on the funds to which they are entitled. The Township is required by Federal law to report the interest that is paid to the Internal Revenue Service. After you receive your refund check you should advise your tax professional of the interest that was received so it can be taken into consideration in the preparation of your taxes.

Q – How much can I expect to receive as a refund?

A – Preliminary calculations indicate that claimants will receive approximately 3.5 cents per day for each day they paid the usage fee to the Township. In addition thereto interest will be paid on the funds which will be calculated on a sliding rate based on the Federal Reserve 6-month Certificate of Deposit rate.

Q – When is the last date I can submit a claim form?

A – July 1, 2013.

Q – My parents owned property that was connected to the Markey sewer system. They have both passed away and the property was sold in 1999. Am I entitled to their share of the refund?

A – Your parents' legal heirs are entitled to receive your parents' share of the refund. You should consult with an attorney to determine who the legal heirs are and to have such legal heirs proceed with the filing of the claim with the Township. Before proceeding it would be prudent to determine if the expense would be greater than the refund.

Q – I owned property connected to the sewer system with my ex-husband. We are now divorced. Which one of us gets the refund?

A – The spouse entitled to the refund will be determined by the Divorce Judgment. You will have to provide a copy of the Divorce Judgment and any deeds for the subject property which were issued during the course of the divorce settlement to the Township for its review.

Q – I bought the property on a land contract and I paid the sewer usage bill for all the years in question. Do I get the refund?

A – If you paid the land contract in full and a deed was issued to you in fulfillment of the land contract you are entitled to the refund. If you defaulted on the land contract and there was a land contract forfeiture or foreclosure action and the property went back to the land contract seller, the land contract seller would be entitled to the refund.

Q – I was a renter on property connected to the sewer. I was responsible for paying the sewer bill. Do I get a refund?

A – If there was a written lease agreement, that agreement will have to be provided to the Township for its examination. Normally under these circumstances, the renter paying the sewer bills would be entitled to the reimbursement as the monies were paid for usage.

Q – If my claim is denied by a Township Official, is there an appeal process?

A – Just as any other decision made by a Township official acting in a normal administrative function, the issue can be brought before the Township Board for consideration at a Board meeting. Anyone wishing to appeal would have to submit the appeal in writing and would be advised of the date and time of the Township Board meeting at which the issue would be reviewed.
