

OCEAN POINT MANAGEMENT TRUST
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TO: Residents of the Dunes and the Highlands at Ocean Point

The Department of Environmental Protection issues an annual permit to OPMT to operate the waste water treatment plant. This permit requires that discharges from the plant fall within specific limits.

This year the effluent limits for phosphorus have been reduced. ECO, our waste water facility management company, has been able to reduce the phosphorous by adding chemicals to our processing facility. However, these chemicals create additional sludge which must be pumped out of the plant about four times per year instead of twice per year as had previously been the case. Each pumping costs OPMT \$8,000!

In order to alleviate the cost of compliance, I have looked for alternatives which will meet the new requirements without so much byproduct. The best solution is for all residents to use phosphate-free cleaning products. There is a great deal of phosphorous in automatic dishwashing products such as Cascade and Electrosol, and some kitchen, bath and floor cleaning products may contain phosphates. (According to my research, neither bathing products nor laundry products contain any phosphates or phosphorus producing materials.)

Several automatic dishwashing products which contain no phosphates are available at any grocery store. If all Ocean Point residents use only such "green brands" of cleaning products, ECO thinks WE MAY BE ABLE TO SAVE \$16,000 PER YEAR by eliminating the two additional pumpings. This small extra effort of checking labels and the small additional expense would produce a much larger financial benefit in our future condo fees.

Please make this change in your household, and advise your cleaning service and tenants of the importance of complying. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 508-454-6891. Thank you for helping us lower costs and comply with environmental laws.

Donna Crone, OPMT Property Manager