

Your Actions Make a Difference

When ever you recycle newspapers, carry your groceries in a reusable bag, or recycle other paper products, your efforts are not wasted. Each ton of recycled paper can save 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4,000 kilowatts of energy, and 7,000 gallons of water compared to non-recycled paper production. This represents a 64% energy savings, a 58% water savings, and 60 fewer pounds of air pollution. Plus those 17 saved trees can absorb a total of 250 pounds of carbon dioxide from air each year.

Sources: U. S. Environmental Protection Agency; Center for Ecological Technology; Earth 911

In an emergency call the District's main office number 24 hours a day at 303-985-7895. Calls received outside normal working hours will be answered by the District's answering service and the information will be directed to on call service personnel for assistance.

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Slight Increase to District Water and Sewer Rates for 2009

The Lakehurst Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors approved the 2009 Budget and adopted new water and sewer rates effective January 1, 2009. The Board's action was in response to a **12.74%** increase in water rates from Denver Water as well as increases resulting from utilities and overall cost of services. Lakehurst Water and Sanitation District assesses no mill levy to its property owners and relies on water and sewer rates for revenue. These revenues are used to purchase water and offset the operation and maintenance expenses for over 78 miles of various-size water mains and replacing the aging water system. Even though water rates from Denver increased **12.74%**, the Lakehurst Board, through prudent financial management practices, will only increase rates by approximately **6.25%** overall. The rate increase will affect all District commercial and residential customers. The monthly base charge will also be increased from \$5.10/SFE/month to \$5.25/SFE/month. The monthly base charge covers the on-going costs to maintain and replace customer's water meters as needed.

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There will be no increase to the monthly sewer fees for 2009. The monthly flat fee of \$15.00/SFE will remain the same for 2009. This fee covers costs from Metro Wastewater for treatment services and costs to the District for the continued operation and maintenance of over 68 miles of various-size sewer mains.

Additional information regarding the rate increases or other water or sewer related topics can be obtained from the Lakehurst Water and Sanitation District office at (303) 985-7895

Understanding Your Sewer System

You probably never think about this system, until there's a problem. When your drains get clogged with foreign matter or roots invade your sewer line, water can no longer flow freely to the sewer mains in the street. This can result in water backing up in your basement or bathtubs, or slow toilets. Often there are no chemicals that will dissolve these obstructions in your sewer lines. You'll have to have your lines professionally snaked or use a sewer snake with a thick enough cable and strong enough motor to cut through roots or other blockages.

Getting access to the sewer line can be a problem. Sanitary sewer lines may be cleaned out by inserting a cable through the main stack located on your roof or through a floor or laundry drain in your basement. Although it's inconvenient, snaking your sewer line will clear most obstructions. If there's evidence of roots growing into your line, you can add copper sulfate (available in hardware stores) to slow down new root growth; use it in the spring and fall when surges of root growth occur.

Snaking is not a remedy for pipe that is fractured or collapsed; many companies have fiber-optic cameras that can be sent on a cable through the sewer line to visualize the situation below the surface of your yard. If a break or root mass is detected, that portion of line will need to be dug up and replaced. Slow draining sewers may not be caused by a clogged drainpipe, but may be the result of a problem at the other end of the system. For wastewater to drain properly, air must be able to enter the plumbing system through vent pipes

that extend through your roof. Bird nests or other obstructions can block vents, and prevent the flow of wastewater out the other end.

Lakehurst Water & Sanitation District observes a standard sewer maintenance program but customers are always welcome to contact a member of the maintenance department at 303-985-7895.

If Your Water Bill Seems High... Don't Blame Your Water Department

Dripping Faucets and other Leaks; wastes water.

WATER WASTE AT 40 lbs. PRESSURE

A 1/32" leak wastes	180	gallons in 24 hours
A 1/16" leak wastes	690	gallons in 24 hours
A 1/8" leak wastes	2,760	gallons in 24 hours
A 1/4" leak wastes	11,030	gallons in 24 hours

(Parentheses) On the Water Bill – What does it Mean?

A number of customers have called inquiring about their balance due which seems to be growing larger with each payment they make. If you receive a bill with the balance due in parentheses, () it means you have a credit balance and you owe nothing at this time. The credit will be taken against next month's charges for a reduced balance due or until the credit has been used; however, if you receive a bill with a balance due of (\$30.00) and you pay \$30.00, you will now have a (\$60.00) credit towards your next bill. Many of our customers pay in advance or have implemented their own version of budget billing. The district does not offer budget billing; however, you can calculate your average usage over the past twelve months to come up with an estimated total. Remember that any unpaid balances over sixty days are subject to turn off.