

Where Does Wastewater Go?

Wastewater is water you have already used. It is the water that goes down the drain after you wash dishes, take a bath, wash your clothes or go to the bathroom.

Small sewer lines take wastewater from homes, businesses and schools to large sewer lines operated by the Metro Wastewater Reclamation District.

These large sewer lines are called interceptor sewers. The interceptor sewers take the wastewater to the Metro Districts wastewater treatment plant north of Denver.

www.metrowastewater.com/edu_whathappens.asp

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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District Water and Sewer Rates Change in 2013

The Lakehurst Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors approved the 2013 Budget and adopted an overall 1.8% increase to water rates. The Board's action was in response to a 4.75% increase in Master Meter water rates from Denver Water as well as increases resulting from overall cost of services.

These rate increases will affect all District commercial and residential customers. The charge for the water usage will increase from \$3.98 per thousand gallons to \$4.05 for each thousand gallons of water used. The monthly base charge of \$5.50/SFE/month will increase to \$6.00/SFE/month. The monthly base charge covers the on-going costs to maintain and replace customer's water meters as needed.

There will also be an increase to the monthly sewer fees for 2013. The monthly flat fee will change from \$19.72 to \$21.10 per month. The increase is needed to offset a 7% rate increase from Metro

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Wastewater for treatment services. It will also cover increased costs to the District for continued operation and maintenance of over 66 miles of various-size sewer mains.

The new water and sewer rates will take effect January 1, 2013.

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 76 miles of various-size water mains and replacement of the aging water system.

The Lakehurst Board and staff continues to find ways to improve efficiency and cut costs through prudent management practices, while providing good quality services at a reasonable rate.

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

New Board Member Appointed to Serve a Two-Year Term

Due to the relocation of past Board member, Ms. Jeanne Greenfield, the Lakehurst Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors voted to appoint Mr. Mike Cochran to serve the balance of Ms. Greenfield's term which expires in May, 2014. Mike was appointed to the board in July of 2012 and will hold this seat until the next scheduled election. Mr. Cochran will be eligible to run for a four year term at that time.

Mr. Cochran is a long time resident of Lakehurst and brings a wealth of knowledge and understanding to the District. Current Board and Staff members would like to welcome Mr. Cochran to the Board.

No Capital Rehabilitation Projects Scheduled for 2013

No specified major capital projects scheduled for 2013. However, included in the 2013 approved Budget are several smaller projects including the District's ongoing, multi-year hydrant replacement program.

This program is designed to replace ten (10) older, non-repairable hydrants that have become very difficult to maintain due to age or availability of repair parts. Each hydrant is maintained on an annual basis and assessed for reliability, and overall operating condition.

The 2013 budget includes funds for any non-specified replacement projects that may come up during the year.

District Completes Second Phase of the Leak Detection Survey Program

In 2009, Lakehurst Water participated in a Leak Detection Survey covering almost 34 miles or one-half of Lakehurst's, water mains, valves and fire hydrants. At the end of 2012, the District will complete the second phase of that project by surveying the remainder of the District, approximately 36 miles of various size water mains. This program will identify real water loss, increase the efficiency of the distribution system, and recover lost revenue.

State-of-the-art computerized technology pinpoints even small leaks on customer-owned service lines as well as interior plumbing leaks. Any leaks that were discovered on Lakehurst's facilities, (i.e.; mainline, hydrants, valves) were promptly repaired. If a leak was found on the customer's service line a letter was sent to notify customers of a potential problem on the service line from the home to the water meter. It has always been the responsibility of property owners to make repairs to their portion of the service line, including leaks inside the home.