

Consumers can pay their water bills online at www.lakehurstwater.org. View current and previous bills, billing dates, gallons used, amount billed and payment due date. You can also print and view your billing history online, so sign up today.

There is a user fee of \$2.50 per transaction for online payments. If you are concerned with the cost, you can pay ahead and save. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and E-checks for your convenience.

For all concerns and questions and In case of 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.

# LAKEHURST WATER AND SANITATION DISTRICT

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# **District Rates For 2022**

In response to increases in master meter water rates and a service fee from Denver Water, the Lakehurst Water and Sanitation District Board of Directors voted to increase our rates in 2022. The water & service rate increase will affect all District commercial and residential customers. The sanitary sewer rates will remain the same for 2022. New rates take effect January 1, 2022.

#### WATER RATES

Monthly	2021	2022
Service Fee	\$9.67	\$10.10
Consumption/ 1,000 gallons	\$5.10	\$5.32

#### **SEWER RATES**

Monthly	2021	2022
Sewer Service	\$22.92	\$22.92

Lakehurst Water and Sanitation District does not have a property tax and must rely 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 water mains and 68 miles of sewer mains as well as the replacement of the aging water and sewer system.

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Lakehurst continues to provide services at rates that are among the lowest rates in Denver suburban areas.

Additional information regarding the rate increase and other water or sewer related topics is available on our website, **www.lakehurstwater.org** or by calling Lakehurst Water and Sanitation District office at (303) 985-7895.

# System Rehabilitation Projects Scheduled for 2022

Lakehurst's Board of Directors have included several new rehabilitation projects in the 2022 budget. These projects are needed to provide a more reliable water system now and in the future. Estimated budget costs are included with the projects listed below.

### Water and Sewer Projects for next year include:

- Replacing six, old, non-repairable fire hydrants with newer models.
   \$75,000
- Phase II of the West Quincy Avenue Jefferson
  County roadway expansion project, to include
  the replacement and relocation of approximately
  6,000 feet of 12-inch water line between
   Swadley Court and S. Arbutus Way. \$1,700,000
- Miscellaneous sewer point repairs at various locations throughout the district. \$70,000
- Rehabilitate 4,800 feet of 8-inch sewer pipe in various locations throughout the district.

## New Water Bill Assistance

If residents are experiencing a financial hardship, it's better to pay what they can to keep the balance manageable.

If a household qualifies for the Colorado Low-Income Energy Assistance Program, the new Low-Income Housing Water Assistance Program has an opportunity to help with water bills. This emergency federal program, operated through the Colorado Department of Human Services and part of the federal government's response to the pandemic, helps residents pay their water and wastewater bills, avoid shut offs and support reconnections related to non-payment.

For information on LIHWAP assistance and eligibility, including income requirements, visit

### cdhs.colorado.gov/leap.

Funds for the LIHWAP program are limited and provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

To qualify for LIHWAP assistance, the household must meet these criteria:

- Be approved for Colorado Low-income Energy Assistance Program during Nov. 1, 2021-April 30, 2022.
- Complete the addendum within the LEAP application and submit a copy of your water bill.
- Must pay drinking water services and/or waste/sewer services directly to a water vendor.
- Have water or wastewater service that is disconnected, facing disconnection or have a past due amount on the bill.

# **Employee Spot Lite**



Meet Nicole Yoder, Nicole joined our team on August 23, 2021. Nicole grew up in Lakewood and has lived in the Lakehurst Water District for the past 10 years. Nicole has been married for 8 years and is the proud mother of two beautiful children.

You may have seen Nicole in the office or spoken to her on the phone assisting you with her great customer service skills.

When she's not working, she enjoys reading, spending quality time with her family and watching her daughter play softball. She is an avid football fan "GO BRONCOS!" Nicole looks forward to serving the Lakehurst community for many years to come.