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Wastewater and Surface Water

Oak Lodge Sanitary District Sanitary Sewer Rates

The District began its new fiscal year on July 1st and with the new year comes a five percent rate increase. We understand that these are difficult financial times and that the rate increase will be a burden for some of our customers. So, what does a five percent rate increase mean to our customers? For an average customer, the monthly sewer fee is increasing from \$31.46 to \$33.07.

The good news is that the rate increases of the past several years have enabled the District to proceed with the Water Reclamation Facility Upgrade project and future rate increases should be inflationary only. Although the District's sewer rates have gone up over the past few years, they are still lower than many other agencies in the region. The following table shows sewer rates for average water use (normalized at 7 hundred cubic feet for comparison purposes) in the local area:

Jurisdiction	Sanitary Sewer Rate/Month	SWM Rate/Month
Oak Lodge Sanitary District	\$33.07	\$6.00
Clackamas County SD No. 1	\$38.00	\$6.00
City of Milwaukie	\$29.92	\$9.90
City of Gresham	\$24.09	\$8.60
Oregon City	\$28.10	\$6.50
City of Portland	\$48.44	\$21.79
City of West Linn	\$25.74	\$4.57
City of Wilsonville	\$41.13	\$3.27

So, what do our customers get for their \$33.07 per month? The average person living in the Oak Lodge Sanitary District uses around 100 gallons of water each day. That water is used for showering, laundry, dishwashing, and most notably: toilet flushing. Multiply the number of people living in your home by 100 and you will see how many gallons of contaminated water your family produces each day. When that contaminated water leaves your toilet or sink, it travels through pipes and pump stations to the wastewater treatment plant where it goes through several expensive processes to clean and disinfect it before it flows into the Willamette River.

A wastewater treatment plant is an amazing place where through mechanical equipment and biological processes, sewage is transformed into water that is safe to put into the Willamette River and into Biosolids that are beneficial soil amendments. A wastewater treatment plant uses an energy intensive process which requires skilled operators, mechanics, and lab staff to process the sewage into water. In addition to the treatment plant, the District operates and maintains six sewage pumping stations and over 100 miles of sewer lines. While operating the sewer lines, pumping stations, and treatment plant, the District is obligated to comply with all State and Federal regulations which were created by the Clean Water Act to protect public health and the water environment. For only \$1.09 per average household per day, your Sanitary District turns sewage into clean water that protects the Willamette River. So, ask yourself this: Is it worth it to you?

The District Board of Directors welcomes Ginny Van Loo to the Board. The vacancy created with Dave Seigneur's retirement was filled in June by Ginny. The Board advertised the vacancy and interviewed several excellent candidates. Ginny was selected because of her extensive experience on boards and serving in various positions in Clackamas County and the Oregon Legislature. Ginny lives in the Jennings Lodge area. Welcome to the District, Ginny!!

GET INVOLVED

District customers are invited to attend the regular monthly meetings of the Oak Lodge Sanitary District Board of Directors.

Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month, starting at 6:30 pm, at the District administration office. Announcements and agendas are posted on-line at www.oaklodesanitary.com

Board of Directors:

William Wild, President
Jim Martin, Vice President
Paul Savas
Tom Foeller
Ginny Van Loo

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Expanded Low Income Rate Relief Program

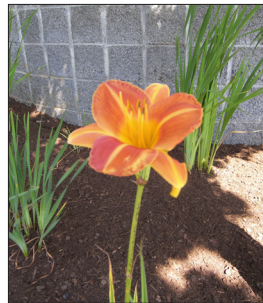
The Oak Lodge Sanitary District Board of Directors approved an expanded Low Income Rate Relief Policy at the July 13, 2010 Regular Board Meeting. The new policy adopts the entire HUD Very Low Income Level schedule, allowing the District to accommodate Rate Payers with larger families. The table below shows the new income requirements to qualify for the District Low Income Rate Relief Program:

Median Income	FY 2010 Income Limit Category	1 Person Household	2 Person Household	3 Person Household	4 Person Household	5 Person Household	6 Person Household	7 Person Household	8 Person Household
\$71,200	Very Low Income	\$24,950	\$28,500	\$32,050	\$35,600	\$38,450	\$41,300	\$44,150	\$47,000

NOTE: Clackamas County is part of the Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA MSA. The Portland-Vancouver-Hillsboro, OR-WA MSA contains the following areas: Clackamas County, OR ; Columbia County, OR ; Multnomah County, OR ; Washington County, OR ; Yamhill County, OR ; Clark County, WA ; and Skamania County, WA .

The District continues to work to provide Rate Payers with best service for the best rates possible. For complete details about the District's Low Income Rate Relief Program visit the District website www.oaklodesanitary.com or call our office at 503.653.1635, we would be happy to assist you.

Leading By Example



For years the District has encouraged residents to use native plants in their yards to reduce water consumption and the need for gardening chemicals. Well, we have decided to take our own advice! The grounds around the District Administration Office are going native! Included in the new landscaping scheme will be educational signage explaining the benefits of the selected plants and naturescaping methods. The landscape will also boast a vegetable garden as well as some native plants that are edible. The goal of the project is to implement a landscape plan that will save water, use fewer chemicals, and require less maintenance; all of which add up to long term cost savings and serve as an example of environmentally friendly landscaping to the community. Oak Lodge Water District is also implementing a native landscape at their Administration Office. The two Districts have worked together in this effort and are excited to show off the final product!

Groundbreaking Ceremony



Although the site preparation phase of the treatment plant upgrade project has been underway for some time, the District officially celebrated "groundbreaking" on Friday June 25th. Speaker of the Oregon House, Dave Hunt was the keynote speaker and he spoke about the economy, our community and our environment. Dick Pedersen, Director of Oregon DEQ also attended the event and spoke about the Willamette River and our commitment to preserving and enhancing its water quality. The event was an opportunity to reflect on what has been accomplished so far and to look forward to the amazing changes to come. The District received praise for the project and would again like to thank the community for your continued support!

