

Re-Investing for Healthy Rivers

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district

Wastewater and Surface Water

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Empowering the Next Generation of Environmental Stewards

Oak Lodge Sanitary is committed to being an environmental leader in our community. Providing the community with sanitary sewer service and surface water management is a full time job but we strive to do more. We have been working to provide the community with the tools and knowledge to help us protect our water environment together. We all need to "Treat it Right!" Here in the Northwest it is easy to take water for granted. When the rain falls abundantly from the sky, it is easy to forget that only about 1% of the Earth's water is available to use. It is important that we understand the value it has to our community and that we all need to work together to protect it.

The District has a long standing commitment to offering water environment education to local students. This past year, in an effort to reach even more classrooms in our area, the District worked together with Clackamas River Water Providers to offer additional options for free classroom presentations and youth education opportunities. We will continue this effort when school resumes this September. Our focus is to show students the value of water, the impact they have on the watershed, and what processes are necessary to both bring water into their homes and take wastewater away. Learning about the

environment challenges students to think about their role in the community and the impact of their actions. Our presentations get students up out of their seats and offer an interactive learning experience. Students learn the power they have as individuals and the value of teamwork.

In addition to classroom presentations, the District participates in two youth clean water festivals in the spring- Clackamas County Water Education Team's "Celebrate Water!" and "The Children's Clean Water Festival." Both are available to 4th and 5th grade classes and are excellent opportunities to expose students to water environment education. In addition to offering these activities free of charge to local schools, the District also works with schools to provide transportation when necessary.

If you are an educator interested in scheduling a presentation or a parent or guardian who would like your child to receive fun and interactive water education please contact Katie Koellermeier at 503-653-1653 ext. 102 or kakoellermeier@olsd.net.

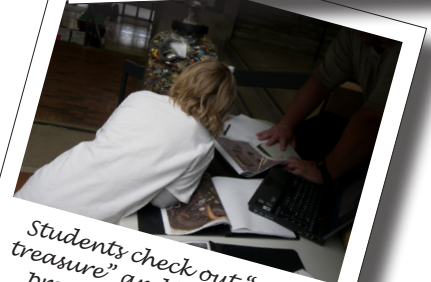
The District welcomes students of all ages! If you are part of a local civic organization, community group, or are just interested in learning more about your water environment, please let us know!



OLSD staff use an interactive model to show what happens when water goes down the drain.



Students learn how wastewater is cleaned so we can use it again.



Students check out "sewer treasure" and learn how to prevent sewer back-ups.



5th graders navigate an obstacle course to learn about the life cycle of salmon.

Our children = our future. The Board of Directors is committed to assuring that the water quality of our rivers and streams is protected through our sanitary sewer and surface water services. We understand that our activities today lay the foundation for the future. That future will be owned by our children and grandchildren. Through the District's youth education programs, we strive to help students to understand their place in the environment and their role in preserving it for the future.

William Wild
President, Board of Directors

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 6:00 pm, at the District administration office.

Announcements and agendas are posted on-line at www.oaklodesanitary.com

Board of Directors:

William Wild, President
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LEARN MORE

To find out more about Oak Lodge Sanitary District and its programs, visit the District's website at www.oaklodesanitary.com or phone (503) 653-1653.

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Pay Your Bill Online

In an effort to better serve our customers, Oak Lodge Sanitary District now offers FREE online bill-pay options. To make your payment online, visit the District's website www.oaklodesanitary.com and click on the "Pay Your Bill Online" button at the top right-hand corner of the home page. This will take you to the payment gateway where you can enter your payment information. Customers can pay online using a check, Visa, Discover, MasterCard, or American Express. In addition, customers are able to choose to make a one-time payment or to sign up for recurring payments.

As always, customers are welcome to pay by credit card over the phone or in the office, drop payments off, or mail in to:

OLSD District Office
Attn: Billing
14611 SE River Road
Oak Grove, OR 97267-1198

(Be sure to include your remittance slip with your check payment)

Office Hours: 8am-5pm, Monday thru Friday
After Hours: There is a payment drop slot located to the left of the front doors of OLSD's Administration Building.

Payment Tips:

- ✓ When dropping your payment off, bring your entire billing statement with you. We will keep the remittance slip with your payment and stamp the other half as your receipt!
- ✓ When mailing in your payment please do not staple your check to your remittance slip. The stapling interferes with our new payment processing equipment.
- ✓ Please make sure to write clearly on your check and remittance slip. This helps staff to post your payment correctly!

Disposable Wipes Are a Pain in the Drain!

Just because the package says "flushable" doesn't mean it's true. Many items touted as disposable or flushable do not degrade like toilet paper. They wind up clogging pipes, jamming pumps, and causing messy sewer backups into streets and homes. These issues can result in costly repairs, expensive clean-up processes, public health risks, and environmental chaos.

Our sewers are designed to dispose of very specific things. Using your toilet to discard many new "disposable" household convenience products will often result in blockages. The drains that connect your home to the main sewer are only big enough to carry water, toilet paper and human waste - often no wider than 4 inches.

Items often advertised as disposable or flushable that should never be flushed:

- baby wipes
- disinfectant wipes
- facial wipes
- toilet bowl scrub pads
- duster and mop cloths
- diapers (all varieties)
- paper towels
- dental floss
- feminine hygiene products
- condoms
- cat litter

While we're at it, here are a few more items that should not go down the drain:

- hair
- grease, fats, and oils
- unwanted pharmaceuticals
- coffee grounds
- plastic of any kind
- toxic household or automotive chemicals
- paint
- needles or other sharp objects

Try to limit your use of your garbage disposal. Food scraps are much better used as compost for your garden.

What should be flushed:

- toilet paper
- bodily waste

If you have questions about what can be flushed please call the District office at 503-653-1653.

What to do if your sewer backs up:

- Locate your sewer clean-out, remove the cap, and look to see if there is running water in it.
- Call a plumber and/or Oak Lodge Sanitary District at 503-653-1653.
- Stuff towels down the toilet to stop the flow of sewage.
- Pick up articles off the floor to prevent damage.
- Immediately wash articles that can be washed.
- Take pictures to document the damage.

To find out more about what to do if your sewer backs up, please visit the District website at www.oaklodesanitary.com.

