

Re-Investing for Healthy Rivers



Wastewater and Surface Water

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The District and You, the Customer



Your Sanitary District provides sanitary sewer collection and treatment as well as surface water management services. In providing these services, the District has specific responsibilities. Customers of the District also have certain responsibilities that can help the District to provide the services in the most cost-effective and responsible manner.

The District's responsibilities are pretty straightforward even though they are complex. For sanitary sewer services, each residence has a connection to the sewer called a "lateral". This lateral connects all of

the wastewater systems in the home to the sewer which is usually located in the street. The sewer collects wastewater from all homes and businesses and transports it by gravity and pumping stations to the Water Reclamation Facility where pollutants are removed and treated and clean water is discharged to the Willamette River.

For surface water management services, runoff from the roofs and driveways of homes, and from parking lots and roads, is collected in storm drains, ditches, and pipes and transported to rivers and streams through which it flows to the Willamette River. The District is responsible for assuring that this runoff doesn't pollute the streams and rivers.

Customers of the District play a role in assuring that their wastes and runoff are properly managed and in assuring that their billing is accurate. To properly manage their wastes and runoff, customers should take care not to flush products down the drain that might harm or plug

their lateral or sewer system. Grease and rags are the biggest culprits for causing plugging of laterals or sewers. To protect the water quality of runoff, customers should be careful to not dump hazardous materials on their yard, driveway, or roads. Customers can also help protect their property from flooding by raking debris off of storm drains or calling the District if a nearby storm drain is plugged.

In order to ensure that their sewer bill is as low as possible and accurate, customers should take certain actions. First, during the winter months customers should minimize water consumption and repair any leaks they may have in toilets, faucets, or piping. This will help to minimize their sewer bill over the next year. Second, if a customer disconnects a property from the sewer system because it no longer has any wastes being discharged, they must notify the District to inspect the disconnection and request that billing be discontinued. The District relies on our customers to inform us when their connection status changes.

The Oak Lodge Sanitary District Board and staff are currently working to update the Sewer Code and the Surface Water Management Ordinance. These documents govern all aspects of the District's rules, programs, rates, and fees. The Healthy Watersheds Committee is currently reviewing the Surface Water Management Ordinance. The Sewer Code update is just beginning and will address many issues which have been brought to the District's attention since it was last updated in 2007. Contact the District for more information.

William Wild
President, Board of Directors

An Update on Our Stream Code Update

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
Jim Martin, Vice President
Terry Gibson
Tom Foeller
Ginny Van Loo

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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Last revised in 2000, Oak Lodge Sanitary District's surface water management rules and regulations no longer meet new state and federal regulations nor reflect the community's desire to protect and enhance local water quality.

A comprehensive code update has been underway since last spring and the draft "stream code" is now available for public review. The new stream code better protects local water resources, with clear requirements for developers, businesses, and property owners to follow.

The updated stream code will set new rules for:

- Setback and buffer requirements to protect streams and wetlands
- Permits required for any development disturbance area greater than 250 square feet
- Tree replacement standards
- Enforcement procedures

The stream code update has been guided by the District's 13-member Healthy Watersheds Committee:

- Matthew Anderson
- Jim Brown
- Tom Civiletti
- Edith Coulter
- Jim Ferriss
- Lynn Fisher
- Tom Foeller
- Gerald Foy
- Terry Gibson
- Eini Lowell
- Myron Martwick
- Carl Poston
- Leonard Waldemar

Oak Lodge Sanitary District wants everyone to be involved and informed with the development of the new stream code.

- ✓ Visit oldstreamcodeupdate.net to view the draft stream code and provide comments. You can also sign-up of email updates.
- ✓ Attend the March 19, 2012 Open House from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the District's Administrative Office (14611 SE River Road, Oak Grove, OR 97267)

Tips to help protect our streams:

- Reduce the amount of gardening chemicals you use
- Maintain your car to avoid leaks that pollute run-off
- Pick-up after your pet
- Never dispose of anything down a storm drain

Questions?

Contact Brett Arvidson, Manager of Planning and Engineering (503-653-1653 x105 / bkarvidson@olsd.net)



Streams in Oak Lodge Sanitary District flow to the Willamette River.

Oak Lodge Sanitary District

Population served: **30,000**
Miles of streams: **11**
Acres of watersheds: **3,500**

Find out more! Watch the new video *Protecting our Community's Watersheds and Streams.*

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