

Town of Waterford Sanitary District #1



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Greetings from the Commissioners and the Team at the Town of Waterford Sanitary District No 1

Strategic Communications to the Community:

Commissioners Ken Hinz, Jeff Santaga and Dan Dickinson, in a continuing effort to keep you informed, have important information to share with customers of the Waterford Sanitary District #1 (District). This is the third informational letter sent to District customers; more will follow as the project progresses. In addition, a Public Informational Meeting was held on October 9, 2024. We encourage you to view the Sewer Upgrade section of the District's website for additional information by clicking on the QR code above, or type <https://townofwaterfordsd.com> in your internet browser. Don't forget to refresh your screen to ensure you receive the most current information.

About the District: The Waterford Sanitary District (WSD) is an independent governmental body that provides for the collection and transmittal of wastewater for the District residents in the Town of Waterford.

Introduction: The District's 2025-2030 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is substantially summed up in two reports prepared by the engineering firm Ruekert & Mielke, INC as follows; Sanitary Sewer Collection System Assessment, Sanitary Sewer Lift Station Upgrade Study. The Commissioners approved these studies, and the State of Wisconsin has approved the District's plan to make these necessary upgrades. The district will invest an estimated \$9 million dollars from January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2030. Key elements of the System Upgrade Project can be found on our website.

Sewer Rate Increases 2025 through 2030

The District is fiscally responsible for operating and capital budget expenditures in ensuring that the residences and businesses have a safe and reliable sewage collection system. User Rates are how we determine fiscal responsibility. The 1st Quarter, 2025 sewer user rates were approved by the adoption of Resolution 2501. Fixed rate customer user fees, per UCE (Unit Charge Equivalent), will become \$212.27 per quarter. Customers with Privately Owned Grinder Pumps will become \$194.12 per quarter. Metered Customers will be billed at \$15.65 per 1000 gallons. Rates will ramp up through the 4th Quarter 2030 to accommodate the debt repayment, plus operational costs. Please visit our website for more information.

Sewer System Recap

The District's sewer system became operational on August 1, 1988. In 1988, the District served approximately 1,100 customers. Today the District serves over 2,000 homes and businesses. Several sewer extensions have been added over the years, primarily in new subdivisions. All of these extensions were added by developers or property owners at no cost to the District. However, due to the number of additional users within the district, and the flow of sewage is at or above capacity, the District has approved the process of several capital improvement projects to handle more flow.

Strategic Priority: The District maintains structurally balanced budgets with a continued focus on operating expenditures and infrastructure investment. The District establishes annual investment and operating targets to maintain existing and support new infrastructure. The District has identified investments and financing to cover the Capital Improvements at the least cost possible to its users, including but not limited to possible grants, DNR loans, and traditional financing. The District has secured traditional financing at the lowest possible market interest rate. The District will continue to monitor interest rates. The District reserves the right to refinance, if interest rates decrease.

Strategic Summary:

The District has approved the Capital Improvement Project. The District and the Commissioners encourage the residents and businesses to be aware of the projects starting in 2025 and concluding in 2030. The Commissioners thank you for your time and patience as we work through the initial phase of the Capital Improvement Project. Please visit <https://townofwaterfordsd.com/sanitary-sewer-upgrade-information/>.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Santaga
Commissioner Town of Waterford Sanitary District #1
Secretary



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