

SHETEK AREA WATER & SEWER DISTRICT

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Annual 3% utility rate increase as of January 1, 2021

On July 13, 2020, the SAWS Board conducted their annual review of O&M costs, Debt Service needs, and evaluation of sewer rates in a continued effort to meet operating and debt requirements. During the review, they determined that only a minimum 3% utility rate increase was necessary for 2021. As a reminder, a minimum future 3% annual rate increase was proposed by the consultant, who reviewed the financial status of the District in 2019. The 2021 utility rates are below.

Year	FY 2021		
	Utility	Special-2yr	Total
Pump Type			
Residential	\$67.00	\$10.00	\$77.00
Commercial			
Single - Low	\$83.00	\$10.00	\$93.00
Single - High	\$150.00	\$10.00	\$160.00
Double - Low	\$234.00	\$10.00	\$244.00
Double - High	\$300.00	\$10.00	\$310.00

Additionally, as of the date of this newsletter, the special 2-year Debt Service Surcharge will continue to be included with the 2021 monthly utility rates.

Why the Special 2-year Debt Service Surcharge Amount?

Due to insufficient revenues to cover the Debt Service Amounts, the SAWS District was forced to borrow funds from the County for a total of \$175,000. The Murray County Board of Commissioners has agreed to allow SAWS to repay this amount over the next two years, which equates to \$10 per month or a total of \$240 per user. If revenues exceed expenses such that there is a surplus of funds, the added dollars will be put towards the deficit so that the extra \$10 per month surcharge can be discontinued sooner than the two years.

When do the new rates go into effect?

The new increased rates are proposed to go into effect on January 1, 2021; the first time you will notice an increase will be on your January 2021 bill.

Please remember to adjust the payment amount for any bank-generated checks at this time to avoid any late fees.

District Receives Commendation

The District and its staff recently received a certificate of commendation in recognition of exceptional compliance with its Minnesota Pollution Control Agency NPDES/SDS wastewater permit during the 2019 review year.

For maintenance issues,
please call: **Dave Brown**
(507) 760-0071

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Flush your grinder station to help reduce corrosion.

When closing your cabin for the season or leaving for an extended period of time, run about 30 gallons of water into the grinder station to activate the pump. This will pump the sewage out of the grinder basin and help reduce grinder corrosion.

Keep the power on to protect your investment.

Leave the power on to the grinder at all times even in winter. It is better for the pump and will help protect against sewer backups.

Think before you flush to help prevent sewer clogs.



Mark your station location for easier maintenance.

Before the snow flies, please mark your grinder station so it can be easily located if maintenance is required over the winter.

Pump sounding louder than normal?

Please call the maintenance provider at 507-760-0071 to run a check on your pump.

Sign up for auto pay to avoid unnecessary late fees

Ever misplaced a bill only to find it the day after it's due? Avoid potential late fees by signing up for automatic payments. If interested, please call the Murray County Auditor's Office at 507-836-1154.

Questions?

Please contact any of the Board members listed on the front side of this newsletter.