

Kegonsa Sanitary District

Quick Facts:

Customers:

Residential: 549
Commercial: 22

KSD System:

Sewer Mains: 20.11 Miles
Sewer Manholes: 129
Grinder Pumps: 357
Pumping Stations: Four Lift Stations and the Main Pumping Station

Employees:

One full-time Service Operator
One part-time Service Operator
Four back-up Service Operators
One part-time Office Clerk

The user charge delinquency rate for 2013 was approximately 5% of the amount billed. We appreciate the timely payments by the vast majority of our customers.

The Facts...

What should you put in the toilet? That's simple...

Piddle, Poop, and Paper!
(and we mean toilet paper)



That's it, nothing else.

- Collect grease and fats in a heat-resistant container, **cool**, and dispose of it in your garbage.
- Place paper towels, personal hygiene products, and feminine products in a wastebasket and dispose of it in your garbage.
- Collect animal waste and dispose of it in your garbage. **No kitty litter in the toilet!**
- When cleaning fish tanks, **do not flush** the rocks down the toilet!
- Cleaning rags should be disposed of in your garbage!

Please read the insert supplied to us by Madison Metro Sewerage District.

Office Hours

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
8:00 a.m. to noon

Service Operators are on duty
Monday-Friday
8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

- The Commission's regular monthly meeting is generally held the first Monday of each month. Agendas are posted at the Dunn Town Hall, Quick Stop, and the Sanitary District Office.
- Please continue to send your sewer user charge payments directly to the Sanitary District office to be processed. The address to send your payments to is:
PO Box 486
Stoughton, WI 53589
- For those of you who **share grinder pumps**, we believe that \$17 per home, per year is accurate for the power cost to run the grinder pump(s). If you share a grinder pump with your neighbor and the electricity to run the grinder pump comes from their home, you should be paying your neighbor your share of the electricity to run the grinder pump. It is your job to be a good neighbor.



Grinder Pump Basin and Winter Maintenance



Please try to keep area around the grinder pump basin clear of snow. The vent pipe should be free of snow to function properly. If snow and ice accumulate on top of the grinder pump basin it makes it difficult for our service operators to make repairs should they be necessary.



The Commissioners and Staff of the District wish each of you a Joyous Holiday Season and a Safe and Happy New Year!

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(608) 873-0230
800-474-0230
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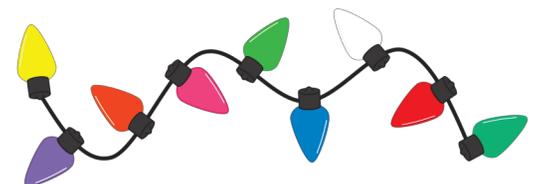
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User Charge increases to \$36.00 for each Residential Unit in 2014

A Message From the District's Commissioners

Mike Sherry, President
Dan Hillery, Secretary
Mike Petersen, Treasurer

December 2013



2014 Budget Approved

On November 4, 2013, we met and passed the District's 2014 budget. This year we found it necessary to increase the user charge to **\$36.00** per RUE. A RUE is the unit of measurement which is the normal amount of sewage to the system from a single-family residence. In 2013, we saw MMSD's bills increase 23%. Remember, we pay for every drop of water we send to them. Along with the increase in flow, the cost of electricity used to pump the flow to MMSD increased 8%. Every single one of us needs to address **clear water** entering the system. If it rains and you have water in your basement that flows into your basement drain, you are putting clear water into the system. If you have a sump pump that is connected to the sewer system you are putting clear water into the system. If either of these examples applies to your home, please make the necessary arrangements to eliminate the clear water entering the system. Please contact the office if you have questions, our staff will be happy to assist you!

Maintenance in 2013

This year the check valves were replaced at Pump Station B and Pump Station C. Upgrades were also made to the SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) system at all four pumping stations and the main station. All of the maintenance costs total approximately \$30,000. Money to fund these projects came from the Emergency Reserve Fund and monies collected through the sewer user charge. This year all of the District employees participated in a Permit-Required Confined Space training program, and new safety equipment was purchased.



Automatic Bill Payment Program

We are pleased to be able to offer you this convenient way to pay your quarterly sewer user charges. Currently, 211 customers are using the program. Thank you to all who continue to use the program! It is more cost effective for the District to process your user charge payment electronically, than processing your payment by check. We are trying everything to reduce bank fees to save **you** money on your user charge. If applicable, with the form enclosed with this newsletter, you can sign up for electronic payment of your charges. If you have questions about the program, contact our clerk, Cindy Lehr, she will be happy to answer any questions you may have about the program. If you choose to sign up, this service will start with the March 1, 2014 billing. There are no charges for this service, but just like when you pay with a check, any transfers refused because of insufficient funds or a closed account will incur a service charge of \$25.

QUESTIONS?

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Phone: 608-873-0230
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Sewer Emergency: 608-843-6026
info@KegonsaSanitaryDistrict.com

The District is now a link on the Town of Dunn's Website!

Click on: Services/Sanitary Districts/Sanitary District #2 (Kegonsa Sanitary). Once there you will find our contact information and a link to our latest Newsletter.



What Those Meters Are Telling Us...

You will notice there is a meter on your control box. These meters are proving to be a very useful tool in our struggle to eliminate as much as possible clear water entering the system. Our engineering firm tells us that a single family home should generate a flow of 180-250 gallons per day. We read the meters about twice per year. Our Service Operators have found leaking toilets that generated approximately 600 gallons per day. We also found a break in a sewer lateral that generated over 4,600 gallons per day! We would have never known that break was there if it were not for the abnormal meter readings! Here's a test for you....you can watch your flow all by yourself and if it is out of the normal range of 180-250 gallons per day, please contact us!



Here is an example you can follow:

Date of First Meter Reading: 12/1/2013
First Meter Reading: 1.01

Date of Second Meter Reading: 12/8/2013
Second Meter Reading: 2.48

Calculate the **Number of Days** between meter readings (Test Period): 7 days
Calculate **How Long** the meter ran (Second Meter Reading—First Meter Reading): 1.47
Calculate how Many **Gallons Used** in test period: **How Long** the meter ran (X) 660 (KSD grinder pumps pump 660 gallons per hour): (1.47 x 660): 970.2 Gallons
Divide **Gallons Used** by **Number of Days** in Test Period (970.2 gallons divided 7 days): 138 Gallons per day

Also, if you find your meter is not working, please contact us so we can replace it!



Flushable?

A message from Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District

Think again...

What we put down our drains and toilets can negatively impact our environment and put our health at risk. Even items labeled flushable can clog pipes, tangle pumps and result in messy and costly sewer backups. By educating ourselves and each other, we can avoid expensive and dangerous mistakes while improving our sewer system practices.

Steps we can take

There are only two items that we should ever flush: human waste and toilet paper. If you cannot avoid purchasing and using items that have been labeled "flushable," throw them away after use rather than putting them into our sewer system.

If you need to discard hazardous materials such as used motor oil, antifreeze, paint, etc., visit the clean sweep collection site. You can find more information at www.danecountycleansweep.com. Dispose of unused medicines at the MedDrop site; information can be found at www.safercommunity.net/meddrop.php.

Learn about EnAct steps to greener living at www.enactwi.org.

Questions? Find us on the web at www.madsewer.org or call 608.222.1201.

Never flush:

- Baby wipes, disinfectant wipes, moist wipes, etc.
- Vitamins, medicines or other pharmaceuticals
- Toilet bowl scrub pads
- Swiffer® products
- Napkins (*paper or cloth*)
- Paper towels
- Dental floss
- Fats, oils and greases
- Sanitary napkins, tampons, condoms or any non-organic materials
- Wash cloths, towels, rags, underwear or any cloth items
- Band-Aids® or dressings
- Plastic bags or wrappers
- Kitty litter (*even products labeled as flushable*)
- Cat feces or bagged dog feces
- Fish gravel

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