

LAKE PEWAUKEE SANITARY DISTRICT



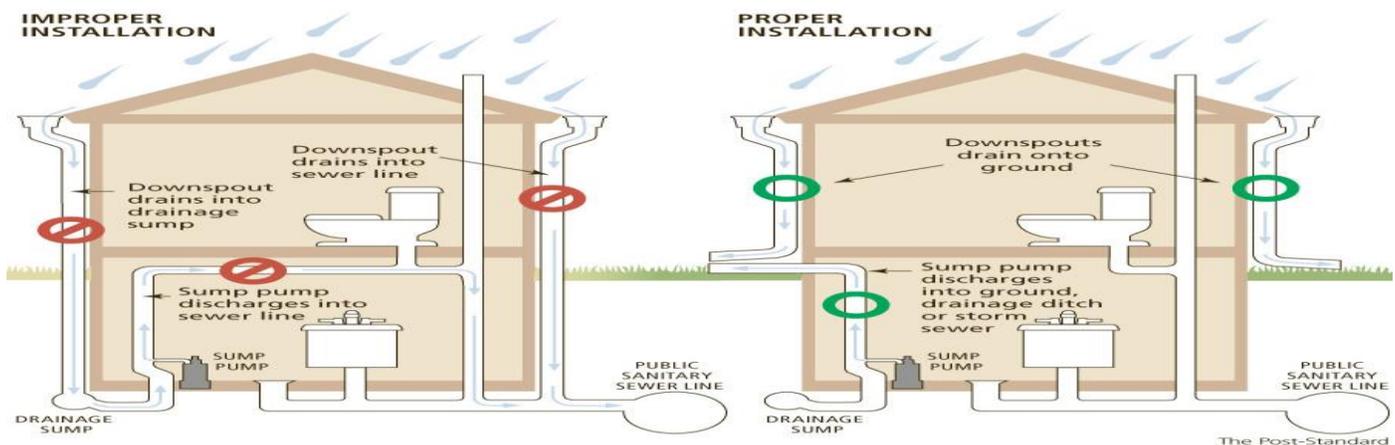
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SEWER NEWS - SPRING CLEANING is underway and what's the most important thing to remember? **Sewer Pumps do not like cleaning rags and all of us "users" don't like to pay higher user fees.** So....if it's not something going through your body or toilet paper, don't flush it down the toilet.

At least once a year the District needs to have the sewer system wet wells vacuum cleaned free of debris to assure the pumps don't get clogged. This comes out of the sewer user fee's we all pay on a quarterly basis. This fee also has to cover any overtime expenses dealing with clogged pumps, so it's pretty simple, don't flush the rags and we don't have to unclog pumps and we don't have to raise the user fees accordingly.



What else makes our user fee's go up? **Illegal sump pump connections.** Pewaukee Lake is a drainage basin lake. This means most of the homes (in fact almost all) the homes eventually drain to the lake. This can be by ditch and storm sewer but it also can be through the ground. Many houses around the lake and even 500 feet to 1000 feet from the lake have natural springs flowing to their basement walls. This water is directed to your drain tile which flows to the sump crock. The sump crock then should discharge outside on the ground or a pipe toward the lake. **IT SHOULD NOT BE CONNECTED TO THE SEWER PIPE.** See improper connection on left below. If it is connected to the sewer pipe (same pipe your kitchen sink and toilet go to) you have an illegal sump pump connection. What you are doing is sending the grey water from your sump pump through the sanitary sewer system to the Brookfield waste water treatment facility. This means everyone in the District is paying to have your waste water treated water that doesn't need to be treated. The proper connection is shown on the right below. If you think you have an issue contact the District and we will inspect your home at no cost.



If you have an issue, call us at 262-691-4485, we will help you get it fixed. No fines, no trouble. Let's just help each other so we can keep the sewer system tight and the user fees cheaper than the surrounding communities.

LAKE CLEAN UP

Lake clean-up will most likely start with the shore cleaning activities in early April. Picking up floating aquatic plants that are along the shoreline will be the first priority. We then typically go to the problematic areas for an early spring harvest to knock down any invasive aquatic plants that try to beat out the native species. The areas we give the first attention typically are the shores of Kopmeier, Parkside, Hillside Grove, Taylors Woods, Lakeside, Buena Vista, Glen Cove, Auer Park, Starke Bay, Peninsula, Woodland and Peterson.

Once the shorelines are looking good and the areas 150 feet out from shore are looking good we will be getting an early start on any areas that appear to be showing signs of attempting to reach the surface. Pass the word so we don't have 20 phone calls questioning why we are out in the middle of the lake and not on your shoreline. Again it is because the shoreline is cut already (or there's no growth yet) and we are attacking a potential heavy growth area before it can reach the surface and becomes a problem or unsightly.

USER FEE

The new rate for our quarterly sewer user fee will be \$106.00 starting with the April 1st billing. The user fee covers the operations and maintenance of the sewer. The costs to the district are always rising; these costs are related to pump replacements, generator replacements, lift station rebuilding and increased maintenance of our aging system. Items like removing illegal sump pump connections and keeping cleaning rags out of our system as mentioned earlier in this newsletter are things we "the users" can control and help keep cost down. Energy use, gas and oil prices also can have a negative affect (although let's hope they stay where they are today for a while). But those are items you and I can't control. Leaky lateral pipes also attribute to sewer use charges. When is the last time you had your lateral videotaped and cleaned? To assume you are never going to have a clog isn't realistic or proper maintenance. Typically your clog is going to show up on Christmas or Thanksgiving when you have 20 guests over using the bathroom facilities. Nobody needs a clog to show up at that time. I would recommend having your lateral inspected by a plumber every 10 years. Fixing leaky laterals saves everybody on the system money through sewer use charges. Cleaning the lateral helps you not have a big issue at the wrong time.

The District still has one of the lowest rates in the area, let's keep it that way. We at the District are proud of the fact that we have been able to hold costs down and still maintain the system and provide the service our customers deserve.

Employment – Summer Lake Crews

Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District will be looking to hire enthusiastic people to help with the lake operations this year. The temporary summer employees work from early May until the end of August. The shift starts at 7:00 a.m. and ends at 3:30 p.m. with opportunities for overtime depending on lake conditions. Applications for the seasonal help will be accepted at this time. Applicants must be at least 18 years of age.

Call Rita at (262) 691-4485 for more information.

Donations - It's the time of year that the District thinks about how we can keep the kids doing the riverboat trips and the restoration projects. The project's cost money through the purchase of wetland plants and mulch and the river boat trips cost money for paddle replacements, gas, trailer maintenance and equipment replacements, bus fees and staff help. The only way this program can survive is by donations and grants. Teaching the kids at a young age implants the knowledge into their brains for life. What person doesn't remember the 6th grade boat trips down the Pewaukee River??!! To donate to the Water Resource Fund call 262-691-4485 or go to www.lakepewaukee.org and click on the Water Resource Fund tab. This is a 501 c 3 tax free organization that can be deducted from your taxes. We hope everyone has a wonderful summer!!