

Duluth North Shore Sanitary District

NEWSLETTER

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This newsletter is published quarterly with pertinent and important information for our residents.

DEBT REDUCTION LEGISLATION PENDING

Your help is needed to support legislation that was recently introduced in the Minnesota House of Representatives and the Minnesota Senate. Passage of this bill would reduce the debt in our sewer district. The bill in the House, **H.R. No. 2390**, was authored by Representative Mary Murphy and Rob Ecklund. The bill in the Senate, **S.F. No. 2939**, was authored by Senators Tom Bakk and Roger Reinert. Both bills read:

Duluth North Shore Sanitary District Debt Relief Appropriation

“\$2,440,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Public Facilities Authority for a grant to the Duluth North Shore Sanitary District to retire debt to the district in order to bring the District’s monthly wastewater rates in line with those of similarly situated facilities across the state.”

Letters and emails to your legislative representatives showing your support for this legislation would be very helpful. Please show your gratitude to Senator Bakk for moving the bill in the Senate. Encourage your neighbors to voice their gratitude and support too.

Addresses For Your Senators and Representatives

Representative **Mary Murphy** - rep.mary.murphy@house.mn.

House District 3B.

Representative **Rob Ecklund** - rep.rob.ecklund@house.mn.

House District 3A.

Senator **Roger Reinert** - sen.roger.reinert@senate.mn.

Senate District 07.

Senator **Tom Bakk** - 95 University Avenue West, Minnesota Senate Building, Room 3113, Saint Paul MN 55155.

Senate District 03.



**WHEN YOU ARE
AWAY FROM HOME**

Summer Months

When your home is left unoccupied **DO NOT** turn off the power to the grinder pump (sewer system). Power must remain **ON** at all times.

Winter Months

When your home is left unoccupied for longer than a week, contact PeopleService @ 218-590-5911. A recommended precaution, and if it is feasible, allow a fast flowing water source to run long enough to initiate two pump cycles a week, 30 to 40 gallons. More details can be found on our web site.

★ **DISTRICT WEB SITE**
www.DNSSD.org

Web Site contains information on ordinances, policies, and procedures, emergency and billing contacts, new connections, meeting minutes, and what not to flush.

★ **WHEN POWER GOES OUT**

The grinder pump cannot dispose of wastewater without electrical power. Limit water usage to an absolute minimum because of a possible sewer backup.

What Not to Flush

Your sewage grinder pump is capable of accepting and pumping normal wastewater. The District's Ordinance #1, Section 8.3 advises that the items listed here should not be introduced into any sewers via drains, toilets, kitchen disposals, showers, and dishwashers.

If any non-acceptable items are discovered and/or cause a pump failure, the owners will be responsible for any and all costs associated with the repair (Bill Back, Ordinance #1, + Section 9.5)

★ **SEWER NOT DRAINING PROPERLY?**

Contact the PeopleService @ 218-590-5911 before you contact any contractors to perform external work to the sewer line. The District's easement begins at the eve of your home. It is a utility that is owned and operated by the District.

BOARD MEETING TIME & LOCATION

**Third Tuesday of the month
7 AM
French River Lutheran Church**

MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC



- Band Aids
- Bath + Body Oils
- Toxic Chemicals
- Cigarettes
- Coffee Grounds
- Condoms
- Dental Floss
- Diapers
- Drugs
- Explosives
- Facial Tissues
- Fish + Animal Waste/Remains
- Flammable Materials
- FOG (Fats, Oils, Grease)
- Food Wastes
- Foundation Drain Water
- Fuel Oil
- Gasoline
- Glass
- Groundwater
- Large Amounts of Hair
- Kitty Litter
- Lubricating Oil
- Medications
- Metal
- Paint
- Paper Towels
- Plastic Objects
- Plaster
- Pool + Spa Products
- Q Tips
- Rags/Cloth
- RV Waste
- Sanitary Napkins
- Socks
- Solid Objects
- Storm Water
- Sump Pump Water
- Tampons
- Toys
- Wet Wipes (Baby + Facial)

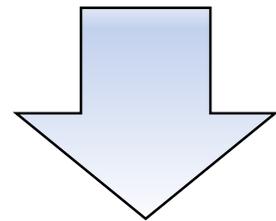
★ **CREDIT CARD AS PAYMENT?**

Would you use a credit card to pay your monthly sewer bill? The cost would be the monthly fee plus a credit card fee. Contact a Board member to give feedback.

★ **YOUR GREEN DISC**

Do not cover or place objects on your green grinder station cover (lid). The lid is fiberglass and not designed to withstand extended periods of time with excessive weight. Additionally, the basin may not be accessible in the event of an emergency.

EMERGENCY CONTACT



**On Call Operator
24 Hours A Day
(218) 590-5911**

Comments and suggestions are welcome.

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