

**Laguna County Sanitation District**  
**Serving Orcutt and unincorporated Santa Maria since 1958**

**Notice And News**

**May 14, 2013**

**District Sewer Rate Proposal**

The Laguna County Sanitation District Board of Directors (Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors) will be holding a hearing to consider adopting sewer service charge rates for fiscal year 2013-2014 on Tuesday July 2, 2013 at 9:00 am or thereafter at the board hearing room on the 4th floor of the County Administration Building in Santa Barbara. The rates are proposed to increase 11% to provide sufficient revenue to operate the District's wastewater collection, treatment and discharge facilities as well as establish a capital reserve for future upgrades. Residential customers are billed on a flat rate for single family and multiple family units, institutional customers are billed on a per capita basis and commercial customers are billed based on water use and waste strength. A typical household would see an increase of \$5.99 per month. The table below shows the current and proposed rates:

Customer Type	Current Sewer Charge		Proposed Sewer Charge	
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
Single Family Residence	\$653.99	\$54.50	\$725.93	\$60.49
Multiple Family/Condo/Mobile	\$588.59	\$49.25	\$653.33	\$54.50
Commercial	Based on type, flow and loading		Based type, flow and loading	
Schools per Staff/Student	\$34.13/capita	\$2.84/capita	\$37.88/capita	\$3.16/capita

Developer impact fees are also proposed for adjustment according to master plan recommendations and appropriate index set by ordinance. The proposed fee changes are as follows:

Development Type	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Single Family Residence	\$6302	\$6415
Multiple Family/Condo/Mobile Capacity	\$5672	\$5774
Commercial Connection Capacity	Factored by type and size	Factored by type and size
Dutard Trunk Sewer—Residential	\$894	\$910
Dutard Trunk Sewer—Commercial	Factored by type and size	Factored by type and size
Bradley Trunk Sewer—Residential	\$2062	\$2129
Bradley Trunk Sewer—Commercial	Factored by type and size	Factored by type and size

**HELP PREVENT SEWER BACK-UPS**

**Regular Maintenance**

Most sewer systems rely on gravity flow to operate. Your sewer lateral, which extends from your building to the sewer main, periodically requires maintenance to help prevent flow obstructions. The age and material of your lateral play a factor but ordinarily roots from trees and shrubs are attracted to water and if your lateral line is cracked, roots will grow towards the water source, enter the lateral line and eventually obstruct flow. Illegal disposal of substances such as grease further contribute to plugging problems. Contact a licensed plumber or drain service for your maintenance needs.

**Backwater Valve**


Backwater valves are required on lateral lines to prevent sewer back-ups. The District requires backwater valves on all new and replacement laterals. Existing building laterals must have backwater valves if the drainage fixtures are lower than the next upstream manhole cover. Only backwater valves approved by the California Plumbing Code may be used. Installation of such devices requires a permit. You should contact a licensed plumber to determine the need for such a device or, if you already have a backwater valve, to verify that it is in good working order to prevent a back-up.

**Additional Measures**

Do not dispose of bulky trash items or other trash items through the sewer including toilet wipes or scrubs. Do not dispose of substances such as oil, fat or grease through the sewer. It is against the County Code for **anyone** to dispose of such substances from whatever source through the sewer. Commercial operations such as restaurants are required to have a grease trap to prevent such an occurrence. Industrial waste generators are required to install a pre-treatment facility to process waste prior to disposal.

*\*\* If you are not the property owner and want to protect against potentially uninsurable damage to your personal property, give this notice to your landlord, property manager or property owner.*

**RECIPE FOR A FAT FREE SEWER**

Cooking oil and grease clog sewers. Keep them out of the drain.  Scrape plates and cookware and pour out all cooking oil and grease into a can or bag and dispose of in the trash. Use plastic bags to prevent leaks.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Barbara will consider adopting sewer service rates and fees charged by the Laguna County Sanitation District.

Date: **July 2, 2013**

Time: 9:00 am

Place: County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room  
Santa Maria CA, 93455  
County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room  
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Laguna County Sanitation District  
620 West Foster Road  
Santa Maria CA

**Exchange Your Water Softener and Save \$400!**

If you have a regenerating water softener, the District, along with local water service companies, has a promotional opportunity to encourage you to install a canister exchange softener\*. With removal of your regenerating water softener and proof of a canister exchange agreement, we will credit your account \$250. In addition, these local water service companies now offer new customer incentive programs which can save you an additional \$150 – **for a total savings of \$400.**



(805) 922-3585  
700 West Cook Street  
Santa Maria, CA 93454  
<http://www.eculligan.com>



(805) 925-6555  
2239 South Oakley  
Santa Maria, CA 93454  
<http://www.raynewater.com>

\* This program is limited to residential homeowners who own an operable salt load regenerating water softener and are served by the Laguna County Sanitation District. Qualifying customer must enter into a 2-year service agreement with Culligan or Rayne. After proof of removal of existing regenerating water softener and a 2-year service agreement, the District will deposit \$250.00 to your water softener service account with either Culligan or Rayne. Early termination may result in penalties. For additional questions regarding wastewater treatment and the need to reduce salt, please call the Laguna County Sanitation District at 739-8750.

**PLEASE DO NOT DISPOSE OF MEDICATIONS IN THE TOILET**

In response to growing demand for a safe and convenient way to dispose of household medications, the Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division has teamed up with the County Sheriff's Department to provide free drop-boxes at each of the Sheriff's nine substations throughout the county. Residents can bring all types of unwanted medications, including prescription and over-the-counter drugs. Please keep medications in their original containers and remove or scratch out all personal information, including name, address and phone number. The program is for the disposal of medications by individuals and households only. Medical professionals are not eligible.

**Accepted Items**

- Over-the-counter medications
- Prescription medications
- Medication samples
- Medications for household pets
- Medicated lotions

**LOCAL COLLECTION**

**Santa Barbara County Sheriff**  
**912 A West Foster Road**  
**Santa Maria, CA 93455**



**NOT Accepted**

- Needles or rather "sharps"
- Hazardous Waste
- Personal care products
- Empty medicine containers
- Thermometers

**Sewer System Management**

For your information, your public sewer system is regulated by the State Water Resources Control Board a sewer system management plan addressing its operation can be viewed at :  
<http://www.countyofsb.org/pwd/pwrrwm.aspx?id=3250>