Sewer Backup...

What I Am Responsible For?

The side sewer, also known as a lateral sewer, carries waste from your home toilets and drains to the District’s main sewer line, which continues to the wastewater treatment plant. Most homeowners experience sewer problems in the side sewer line, which they are responsible for maintaining and repairing. See a side sewer diagram to better understand how your side sewer connects to the District’s main sewer line.

Fixing the Problem...

That depends on whether the stoppage is in your private line or the District main. If it is in the District main, we fix it as quickly as possible and keep you informed about what’s being done. If the problem is in the private line connecting your house to the District main, we'll tell you so you can get it fixed.

Remember, the District is not responsible. The District can only pay for damages caused by extremely limited circumstances set out by law. Don’t assume you are covered. This is why it is important to make sure your homeowner’s insurance coverage includes sewer backups.

Check Your Insurance...

All homeowners should be aware that not all homeowners’ insurance policies will cover costs incurred with sewer backing up in their home. A standard homeowner’s policy does not include coverage for sewer and water backup. If your service line should become plugged and sewer backs up in your home, you could be responsible for several thousand dollars worth of damage. Please check your policy or check with your agent to be sure you are covered if a mishap should occur. Most insurance companies do offer just a water and sewer backup coverage by itself. To help alleviate the chance of a backup occurring, the district has an annual sewer cleaning program in place where we clean a third of the district lines every year. We are only responsible for our main line, not your service line.

If the problem is in your private line, you will need to get your private line repaired. See a side sewer diagram to help you see how your side sewer connects to the District’s main sewer line.

New Office Location

Clifton Sanitation District #2 will be relocating our office to our new wastewater treatment facility site. The new address will be 3217 D Road. We are excited about our move and should be relocated to our new facility by March 2008. All business will be conducted at our new office location. We will have the same telephone number 434-7422 and our mailing address will change from P.O. Box 186 to 3217 D Road, Clifton 81520. If you have any questions or need directions to our new location, please contact us at 434-7422. Only the office will be open, the construction on the plant will be completed in Fall of 2008.

On The Web

Visit our web site for the latest information regarding our wastewater treatment facility project as well as information about upcoming meetings, rates and services.

www.cliftonsanitation2.com

Questions/Comments?

The staff and Board are excited about building your new regional WWTP. If you have any questions, comments, comments, concerns or need directions to our new location, please contact us at 434-7422 or stop by the office at 3217 Hwy 6&24 in Clifton. You may also submit comments, questions or need directions to our new wastewater treatment facility site. The new address will be 3217 D Road.

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New Clifton Wastewater Treatment Plant Goes “Green”

Clifton Sanitation District No. 2 currently has a number of active projects including shadow design projects and construction projects. The largest project is the Clifton Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (CRWWTP) that will replace the current lagoon systems for Clifton Sanitation District No. 2. The design and construction administration is provided by Rothberg, Tamburni & Winnet, Inc. (RTW) of Denver, CO, and incorporates state-of-the art technology and equipment that minimizes operator attention and reduces energy consumption. The new plant will be equipped with automated equipment that minimizes operator attention and allows for operation on site and monitoring off site. The automation system allows the operators to perform multiple tasks throughout the day. Data transfers capabilities through the Information Technology (IT) network will allow the District staff to instantaneously monitor the plant process systems and make desired adjustments from the keyboard on a computer located in the administration building.

In addition, RTW and the District staff have incorporated several “green” ideas. The administration and maintenance buildings will be heated and cooled by a “geo-exchange” heating/cooling process. The geo-exchange system includes fourteen 340-foot deep wells/tunnels and heat pumps to pre-heat and pre-cool warm or cool air conditioning using the earth beneath the buildings. The geo-exchange system will use renewable energy rather than conventional energy and is more efficient with a pay-back period of less than four years. Other “green” features include energy-efficient blowers, motors and air filtration control systems, use of ultraviolet light instead of chlorine and other chemicals for effluent disinfections, use of treated water for on-site irrigation for landscaping, crops and make desired adjustments from the keyboard on a computer located in the administration building.

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Combining Efforts

In an effort to improve efficiency and service to our customers, the Clifton Water District and the Clifton Sanitation District combined billing services in August of 2006. This transition directly benefits 4,900 shared customers. Clifton Water District implemented a new software program designed by Sprytsnag Software Company, which gives customers a more informative billing statement and continues to offer numerous payment options. This has allowed Clifton Sanitation District to be operationally efficient, reduce duplication and costs, and provide enhanced customer service with convenient bill pay options.

Rate Structure

Monthly Service Fees - The monthly wastewater service charges are based upon the cost to collect, treat and dispose of wastewater from one single family unit. Clifton Sanitation District #2 is an Enterprise Fund. It is self-supporting from its own revenue sources and does not receive any revenue from property taxes. Charges for collection and treatment of wastewater comprise the funds for operations, maintenance and debt service. The current monthly rate of $20 per single family unit will remain unchanged for 2008. When the plant is fully operational in 2009, rates are estimated to slightly increase $2 to $8 per month. The District strives to provide wastewater service to customers at the lowest price possible, and must balance this with the needs of maintaining and upgrading quality wastewater system and meeting the Federal and State requirements.

Late fees - As of January 1, 2008 a late fee of $1.00 will be added to cover the expenses incurred for late payments. Late fees will be assessed on all accounts that are 25 days past due.

Tap Fees: New Development

Tap fee revenues received from new construction are dedicated to funding current and future capital expenses. Effective January 1, 2008 tap fees will be adjusted from $5,250 to $5,500 for a single family unit.

The rate adjustment is necessary to cover the increasing costs of doing business and to continue providing quality wastewater service to our community.

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RTW is also working closely with the District to determine goals and needs over the next 20 years by developing a Wastewater Master Plan. The Master Plan will address key District issues for long-term success and peace of mind. The Plan will address both the collection system and treatment facility. These important wastewater facility improvements represent a significant investment for current and future District customers. The Master Plan will include long-term goals and recommendations for future improvements and associated fees. It allows the District and the users to plan ahead for future needs and improvements in terms of financial and management resources.

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