

# UPPER BLUE SANITATION DISTRICT

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# NEWS

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## FEE INCREASES REVIEWED IN 2020

### DRAFT BUDGET

The Board of Directors is reviewing the 2020 Draft Budget that includes a \$1 per sfe increase to monthly service fees and an increase to the Plant Investment Fee between \$500.00 and \$1000.00 per sfe. This consideration comes on the heels of new regulatory requirements placed on the District by the Colorado Department of Health and Environment. The Board has been able to hold the current fee schedule at the same level for the past eight years. The Board is also reviewing data concerning single family homes used as short term rentals and the impact on the District facilities.

The District revises its 10 year Financial Plan on a regular basis which has helped the District to impose one of the lowest monthly service charges in Summit County. In addition, this type of planning has completely eliminated the need for any type of property tax. The Board will be reviewing the documents at the regularly scheduled Board meetings and public comment is welcome.

### INTERESTED IN LOWERING YOUR QUARTERLY BILL???

The Upper Blue Sanitation District offers a unique program for residents of multiplex units that could reduce monthly service fees up to 80%. This program recognizes the use of multiplex units being used as a long term rental or primary residences and could provide monthly rates that are the same as single family homes.

The process is quite simple. First, the owner or tenant must file a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants which simply states that the particular multiplex unit has been used as the owners' primary residence or has been used as a long term rental for the past 12 months. As a part of the Restrictive Covenants, proof of voter registration in Summit County or a valid Colorado drivers license showing the license holder resides at the property is required. Finally, the property must be able to be billed separately and not through a homeowners association or property management company. It's that simple! Call the District office at 970-453-2723 for more information.

### FINANCING FOR SEPTIC SYSTEMS

The District offers financing of all fees if you choose to abandon your current septic system and connect to the District's treatment facilities. We do this to encourage abandoning outdated septic systems which will not only protect public health but also reduce harmful release of pollutants into the environment. This program is not offered to new construction. If interested, please contact our administration office at 970-453-2723.

### DISTRICT TRANSPARENCY NOTICE AND MEETING SCHEDULE

The District annually posts its Transparency Notice on the District's web site and at the administration office. This Notice outlines the District's contacts, meeting schedules, director information and election information. The Notice can be viewed at [www.ubsd.org](http://www.ubsd.org).

Meetings of the Board of Directors are held at 5:30 pm on the second Thursday of each month with a work session preceding each meeting. The meetings are conducted at the District's administration office which is located at 1605 Airport Road, Breckenridge and are open to the public.

### MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

**Allyn Mosher, President**

**Jason Hart, Vice President**

**Signe Rockne-Stimson, Secretary/Treasurer**

**Rick Orwig**

**Robin Theobald**

**Andrew Carlberg,**

**District Manager**

## GREASE TRAP MAINTENANCE

The District's treatment facilities can treat most waste that is contributed to our system. However, grease and grease products are difficult to remove and cause many operational problems. We encourage homeowners to not dispose of grease down the drain. As for restaurants with grease traps, we require those businesses to clean the traps on a regular basis and submit the receipts of maintenance. In October 2019 we will be contacting those businesses with grease traps for onsite inspections. If customers have any questions, we encourage you to contact our office at 970-453-2723.

## SERVICE LINES, SUMP PUMPS

### AND DISPOSABLE WIPES

## HOME OWNERS RESPONSIBILITIES

Service lines are lines which connect your property to the District's sewer main. The maintenance and repair are the responsibility of the home owner. If installed correctly and properly maintained they could provide decades of non interrupted service. The most common problem with these lines is the disposal of grease down the drain. This can cause damage to your line and the District's sewer main. Installation of other utilities, such as gas, electric and water lines can also disrupt service. If you have other utilities being installed around your property make sure they are aware of your service line and make sure it is properly located.

Sump pumps are not allowed to discharge into our system for any reason. They often cause severe damage to our facilities by hydraulically overloading our system. Disposable wipes are also not to be disposed of in the sewer. Disposable wipes clog your service line and cause major problems in the sewer main line.

## EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Sewer backups due to failure of the District's main line are rare, but do occur. Usually the backup is due to a failure of the property's service line. Therefore, we recommend contacting a plumbing contractor initially. However, if there is concern that the problem is more than a failed service line, such as an overflow, then the best action is to contact the District by calling the emergency response phone. That number is **970-418-6073**. If for some reason that number does not reply, contact Summit County Dispatch at **970-668-8600**; they have a complete list of contact information.

## PROTECTING THE PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT FOR OVER 50 YEARS

## BILLING MADE SIMPLE!

The District bills for service fees at the first of each quarter (January, April, July and October). The bill is due upon receipt, but the District accepts payment until the last day of the month for which the bill went out. If after the last day payment is not received, a reminder letter is sent advising that a 1% interest penalty will be added to the balance due if payment is not received within 15 days. If the account is still past due at the end of the next month, then additional charges and penalties will be added with the possibility of a lien filed on the property. A more detailed description is located on the back of the billing statement.

This is not a course the District likes to take and offers several suggestions. First, sign up for automatic payment or ACH. A form can be found at [www.ubsd.org](http://www.ubsd.org) and ensures payment is received on time. Second, if you have your bank issuing a check we recommend that you have the check issued at least 1-1/2 weeks before the end of the month. This should allow the bank enough time to process the check so that the payment arrives on time. If you have any questions, please contact the District's administration office at 970-453-2723.

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