



NORTHWESTERN
THE DISTRICT
WATER & SEWER



2020 APPROVED BUDGET AND RATES

FACTS:

20,000

CUSTOMERS RELY ON THE DISTRICT FOR WATER & SEWER SERVICES

SERVICE AREA:

1043 SQUARE MILES

IN **5** COUNTIES

13 MUNICIPALITIES SERVED

REACH US

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DISTRICT BOARD TAKES STEPS TO REDUCE RATE INCREASE

At The District, we plan for the long term, making investments in our water and wastewater system responsibly and gradually. We develop an annual budget based on the planned capital and operating needs for that year. All of our costs, from capital infrastructure projects to daily operations to emergency work, are paid for solely by rates and fees, not taxes.

Each year, The District reviews the costs of operations, rising inflation, fuel, materials, and labor. Rates must also maintain debt service coverage, maintain bond covenants, and emergency repairs.

“Rainfall was more than 10 inches above average this year and water use/revenue was down across the region. With lower revenues and increasing costs, the Board balanced the revenue against expenses and was able to minimize the rate increase.” according to District President, Jerry Greiner.

In 2020, the board approved a **3%** increase in water rates and a **3%** increase in sewer rates. This reflects an increase of only **\$1.72** in District charges per month per 1,000 cubic feet of usage.

It is important to remember your water and sewer bill is split into two parts: District operations and maintenance charges and treatment provider charges. Treatment provider charges will vary depending on where you live. In 2020, most water and sewer treatment providers will see increases. There is more information on these changes on page 2.

DISTRICT CHARGES	2019	2020	DIFFERENCE
District Water/Month	\$37.64	\$38.49	\$.85/Month
District Sewer/Month	<u>\$49.27</u>	<u>\$50.14</u>	<u>\$.87/Month</u>
TOTAL/MONTH	\$86.91	\$88.63	\$1.72/Month



5.4 MILLION
GALLONS OF
WATER DELIVERED
DAILY



850,000
GALLONS OF
WASTEWATER TREATED
DAILY

TREATMENT PROVIDER UPDATE

WATER AND SEWER TREATMENT PROVIDER CHARGES

In addition to the cost of maintaining the lines we use to deliver clean water or remove and treat wastewater, there is also a charge from your local water or sewer treatment provider. Below is a summary of treatment provider rate information:

TOLEDO WATER AND SEWER

At this time, customers supplied with water treated by the City of Toledo will not see a difference in their Toledo water charges. The District continues to review the new rates established by the Toledo Regional Water Commission. We expect to have more information later this year. There will be an increase in sewer charges for wastewater treated by the City of Toledo.



OREGON WATER AND SEWER

Customers with water supplied by and wastewater treated by the City of Oregon can expect an increase in both charges depending on usage.

BOWLING GREEN WATER AND SEWER

The City of Bowling Green approved an additional increase for both water and sewer for 2020.

MCCOMB WATER AND SEWER

Customers can expect an additional sewer debt charge to assist paying for the new McComb Regional Water Reclamation Facility. In addition, there will be a 3% increase in water

and sewer charges resulting in an increase of \$2.07 for 2,500 gallons of usage.

LUCAS COUNTY SEWER

No additional provider charges are expected at this time.

GRAND RAPIDS WATER AND SEWER

The District is unaware of any change in the provider charge at the time of printing.

TONTOGANY SEWER

The District is unaware of any change in the provider charge at the time of printing.

NAPOLEON WATER AND SEWER

The District is unaware of any change in the provider charge at the time of printing.

PERRYSBURG WATER AND SEWER

The City of Perrysburg will have an additional increase in water charges depending on usage. Sewer charges will not increase for customers with wastewater treated by the City of Perrysburg.

MASTER PLAN

The District continually reinvests the money from your water bill to maintain and upgrade the pipes, pump stations, and other infrastructure that allows us to deliver safe reliable water and remove wastewater.

In 2020, The District will update its master plan to prioritize our annual budget for projects essential for clean water and safe sewer treatment. These projects support our operations staff in taking care of the water and sewer systems we have in place.

THIS YEAR, IT IS ESTIMATED TO COST THE DISTRICT \$28 MILLION TO PROVIDE SAFE, CLEAN WATER TO OUR CUSTOMERS

\$9,212,000
DEPRECIATION

\$6,473,000
PURCHASED WATER
& SEWER TREATMENT



\$7,248,000
PROFESSIONAL STAFF
AND BENEFITS

\$5,369,000
MAINTENANCE & SUPPLIES
PROFESSIONAL & CONTRACTED
SERVICES & UTILITIES.