



LAKES REGION SANITARY DISTRICT

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Information Regarding the Lake County Public Works Sewer User Fee Increase, effective 03/01/10

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Lakes Region Sanitary District is responsible for the billing and collections of sewer user fees for customers within the District's boundaries. In addition to billing and collecting of fees established by the District; the District is also responsible, by intergovernmental agreements, for the billing and collecting of fees for the use of sewer facilities of other municipalities. All municipalities are responsible for setting the rates for the sewer user fees for the use of that municipality's facilities. *The District has no control over the user fee charges; or when an increase is imposed; for any municipality, other than the District itself.* All amounts collected for others are transmitted to the respective municipality – the District retains none of the funds collected for others.

The other municipalities that may be reflected on a given customer's billing statement is dependent upon where the customer's property is located; which other sewer facilities are utilized in the transmission of waste water from the customer's property to the treatment plant; and the intergovernmental agreements that are in force. The District currently has intergovernmental agreements in place to bill and collect for:

- Lake County Public Works; which includes, in most cases, billing and collections for the Northwest Regional Water Reclamation Facility (NRWRF). The fees for these two municipalities are combined on a single billing line on the statements.
- Village of Round Lake
- Fox Lake Municipal Sewers (part of the Fox Lake Water Department)
- Village of Volo

In some areas, in addition to billings from the District, the local municipality; where no intergovernmental agreement is in place; may directly collect a sewer user fee for the use of their sewer facilities. These charges may be in addition to charges billed and collected by the District. There are currently two such areas in the Village of Lake Villa, where the Village is charging their fee for the use of their local facilities.

With regard to the Lake County Public Works (LCPW) sewer user fee increase, effective March 1, 2010:

On March 11, 2008 the Lake County Board approved a Resolution establishing rates for all customers of the County based on a detailed rate analysis conducted by the County. These amended rates included an increase for the Northwest System, including users in the service area of the Lakes Region Sanitary District. The sewer rates for users of the County system that are within the District's boundaries were established as follows (including charges for both LCPW & NRWRF):

	<u>Flat Rate Customers</u>	<u>Metered Use Customers</u>
March 1, 2008	\$22.74 / RCE* / month	\$3.31 / 1000 gallons**
March 1, 2009	\$24.53 / RCE / month	\$3.41 / 1000 gallons
March 1, 2010	\$26.33 / RCE / month	\$3.51 / 1000 gallons

* - RCE – Residential Customer Equivalent. Single family residences (detached or attached buildings) are defined as 1 RCE. Non-residential RCEs are determined by the size and type of business.

** - Metered use customers are subject to a minimum billing amount based on 3000 gallons per month).

Please refer to the Lake County Public Works website for additional information regarding the rate increase, rate study data and contact information.

<http://www.lakecountyil.gov/PublicWorks/PublicInformation/2008SewerServiceRateIncreases.htm> (click -or- copy & paste the above link)

On this page of the LCPW website, click the link for "Wholesale Sewer Rates".