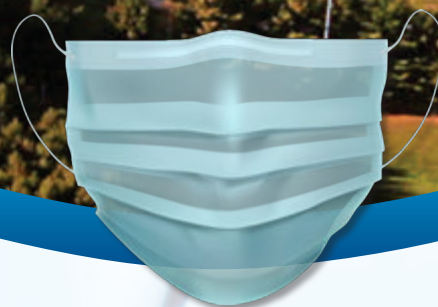


DISTRICT DIGEST

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BRUNSWICK SEWER DISTRICT *Protecting Maine's Environment*



AMENDMENTS TO THE SEWER USE BILLING ADJUSTMENT POLICY (OUTSIDE WATERING ADJUSTMENT)

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

A reminder: Now in effect are these two amendments that require the installation of a sub-meter to receive an adjustment for outside water use. You may view the "Sewer Use Billing Adjustment Policy" on our webpage (www.brunswicksewer.org) under the "POLICY" tab.

New Construction/Connections: All new residential and commercial connections to the public sewer system who wish to receive a billing adjustment for water not entering the public sewer **MUST use a sub-meter** per the requirements noted in the "SUB-METERED use" section.

Property Ownership Transfers: All new owners of public sewer connected residential and commercial properties who wish to receive a billing adjustment for water not entering the public sewer **MUST use a sub-meter** per the requirements noted in the "SUB-METERED use" section.

Please contact us should you have questions concerning these policy amendments.

Grand-fathered Accounts: If you have been on the outside watering program prior to 01/01/2020, please e-mail info@brunswicksewer.org or call 729-0148 when you begin your outside watering in order

to be placed on the list for the entire 2021 season. Your notification **must be received** before bills are processed. The district will no longer process late notifications.

PURCHASE OF NEW JET VAC TRUCK

In January, the district took delivery of our new Vector 2100i combination sewer cleaner. This new truck replaces our 2008 unit. C.N. Wood of Woburn, MA was the successful bidder after an RFP was put out in early 2020. The COVID pandemic delayed delivery by a couple of months, but we are quite pleased with the new unit. It was worth the wait.

The new Vector has dual rear axles which will help spread out the heavy load of up to seven CY of grit and 1,000 gallons of water. The new truck has a more powerful engine, which can operate the vac system and hydraulics at near idle. The new Vector is much quieter than our old unit. Sound measures 75dB when the truck is at idle, and 80dB when using the vacuum. This is in contrast to the old unit, which measures 82dB when at idle and 92dB while vacuuming.

This vacuum-sewer cleaner is one of, if not the most, important pieces of equipment in our fleet. It will help us be more efficient in our operations, enable more production and cleaner sewers, and perhaps best of all, will be much quieter. When you see us around town, please wave and show your appreciation.



Pictured here are the district's collection crew and representatives of CN Wood of Woburn, MA.

Recognition

The following employees are celebrating an anniversary in the 1st quarter 2021:

Wesley Wharff
Collections System Supervisor, 33 years

Jennifer Nicholson
Treatment Plant Supervisor, 27 years

Bonnie Shippen
Administrative Assistant, 9 years

Erik Walling
Collection/Pumping Operator, 3 years

We thank you Wes, Jen, Bonnie, and Erik for your years of service to the district!



EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT: BRANDON ELWELL RECEIVES CERTIFICATION

The district would like to congratulate Brandon Elwell for obtaining his Grade 2 Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator Certification presented by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection. Brandon started with the district in May of 2019. In just over 18 months, most of which were in pandemic times, Brandon has also obtained his Grade 4 Collection System Certification presented by the New England Water Environment Association. We are very proud of Brandon for his accomplishments and are grateful that he is a part of our team.

REMINDERS

2021 OUTSIDE WATERING CREDITS

Do you do substantial watering of a lawn or garden? Do you have a pool or hot tub to fill? You may be eligible for an outside watering credit. **TO REQUEST THIS ADJUSTMENT, PLEASE E-MAIL** info@brunswicksewer.org or **CALL 729-0148** in the Spring of 2021 when you begin watering outside to be placed on the list for the entire 2021 season. **Your e-mail or call to us must be received before bills are processed. The district will NOT process any late notifications.**

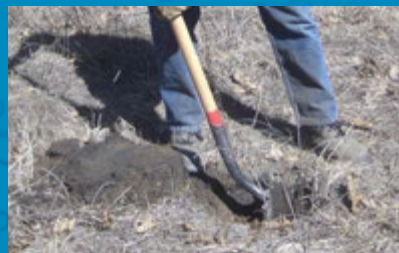
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OTHER REMINDERS

When experiencing a sewer system problem, please contact the district **FIRST**. The 24-hour emergency number is **207-729-0148**. Make sure your plumber calls Maine Natural Gas before any tools are placed in your line.

Thinking of doing some yard work? Before your contractor digs, call **DIG SAFE** (1-888-344-7233). It's free and it's the law.

Sewer bills may be paid by:

- Credit card or by e-check online, with a fee charged. (Fee is 2.75% of transaction amount with a \$1.95 minimum. Fee for e-check \$1.) Please visit our website www.brunswicksewer.org for instructions.
- Automatic deduction from your checking or savings account (no fee charged). Go to our website and select the "I Want To" tab, then "Set Up Direct Payment." Complete the form and mail it to us at 10 Pine Tree Road, Brunswick, ME 04011 to complete the set up. Do not send in paperwork as a form of payment for your **current** bill; we need to process the set up with the banking institution **prior** to the billing.

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FUN FACTS FROM THE SEWER GUY

TOILET FACTS

- The first indoor flushable toilet was invented by Sir John Harrington, a godson of Queen Elizabeth I.
- The average person over time spends three years sitting on the toilet.
- Studies have shown that the more features on your smartphone, the longer you sit on the toilet.
- The cleanest toilet in a public place is the first, which is typically the least used.
- November 19th is World Toilet Day founded in 2001 by The World Toilet Organization.
- Nearly 40,000 Americans are injured due to toilets every year. In fact, in 1760 King George II died falling off one.