



New Sewer Rates Begin March 1, 2017

Boxelder Sanitation District's mission is to responsibly provide wastewater treatment to protect public health and our Poudre River. In developing its 2017 budget, the Board of Directors approved rate increases for residential and commercial wastewater services. The rate increases, reflected in the table below, are needed to pay for capital improvements such as expanding our treatment facility and rehabilitating sewers and a lift station.

On March 1, 2017, the monthly base rate for sewer service moves from \$38.10 a month to \$55.00 a month plus a usage charge of \$3.00 per 1,000 gallons. The exact effect of the rate change will vary by household or building due to water usage.

Tap Size	Monthly Base Rate
Residential (All tap sizes)	\$55.00
Commercial 5/8-inch	\$55.00
Commercial ¾-inch	\$83.00
Commercial 1-inch	\$138.00
Commercial 1 ½-inch	\$275.00
Commercial 2-inch	\$440.00
Commercial 3"	\$880.00

Residential service is based on an average of water consumption during the winter and is expected to be the same rate for 12 months.

Commercial service is based on metered water consumption year round.

The first bill with the 2017 rates will be April 1, 2017.

The District doesn't assess any taxes to pay for sewer service.

For more information on sewer rates, please visit our website at www.BoxelderSanitation.org or call our office at 970-498-0604



January 28, 2017

Dear Boxelder Sanitation District Customers:

On behalf of the Boxelder Sanitation District Board of Directors, it is our privilege to provide your wastewater utility service. Our mission is to responsibly provide wastewater treatment to protect public health and our Poudre River.

While your sewer rates have remained relatively stable for the past several years, our aging sewer system needs rehabilitation to provide you the service you deserve. In addition, our treatment plant is undersized and needs upgrades to meet state and federal water quality mandates and to keep our Poudre River healthy. District staff is committed to managing the increasing costs and remaining efficient while upholding the District's commitment to a sustainable future.

Our operating capital needs for 2017 alone exceed \$1.66 million. These critical needs include rehabilitating about 35 miles of our 85-mile sewer system that are more than 50 years old, rehabilitating a lift station (a specialized pump that moves sewage from one area to another), and making our wastewater treatment plant capable of removing increasing amounts of pollutants.

The Board realizes this rate increase seems large. Over the past several months we carefully reviewed the amount of Capital Improvement Program work that needs to be done while searching for funding. The District collects no taxes to fund the sewage treatment services provided. Fees paid by our customers provide the funds needed to cover our operating costs. Growth-related costs such as new sewers are paid for through tap fees when a property is added to the system.

Communication with our stakeholders is important, and the District plans to improve communication with you. In the next month or two, we will hold a briefing session for our customers to explain in more detail what is being done with the funds raised through this increase. In the meanwhile, if you have questions, please visit the District's new web site (www.boxeldersanitation.org) or send me an email at dgatlin@boxeldersanitation.org. You may also call the District's offices at 970-498-0604.

As a Boxelder Sanitation District customer, you are our most valuable asset. We hope you will continue to have confidence in our utility services, and we pledge to do our best to protect public health and the environment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Gatlin".

Dennis Gatlin, Chair
Boxelder Sanitation District Board of Directors