# Moose Lake-Windemere Area Sanitary Sewer District

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NEWSLETTER

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Message from the Sewer District

We hope this newsletter finds you all doing well and anxious for spring and with that in mind, we are including information in this newsletter on information in the event you are doing some spring cleaning. With the snow melting more each day, please let me remind those of you on the sanitary sewer system that sump pumps are NOT allowed to discharge into the sanitary system in accordance with the MLWSSD Ordinance. If you are aware of anyone currently on the District’s System that has a sump pump depositing storm water into our system, please report the information to our office. Please be responsible and do not connect sump pumps or footing drains to the Sewer System as this only increases cost to everyone on the system.

The Moose Lake Windemere Sanitary Sewer District will be completing repairs to the system this spring/summer which include sewer grouting and sealing of several manholes as well as installing sectional sewer lining to various segments of the system. These repairs are based on the report from a recent jetting and televising project the District conducted the prior year. We are not expecting any disruption in service during the course of these repairs.

Just a reminder that permits are required for any connection or disconnection to the sanitary sewer system. Permits are available on our website at [www.mlwssd.org](http://www.mlwssd.org) or at the District Office which is located at 304 ½ Elm Avenue, Moose Lake, MN (basement of Downtown Dental Bldg). As always, if you should have any questions regarding what is happening in the Sewer District, please do not hesitate to give us a call at 218-485-8276 or stop by the office. Have a great summer!

Darla Hall, Executive Director

**KEEP EASEMENTS CLEAR**

Moose Lake Windemere Sanitary Sewer District would like to remind residents to keep the utility easements open and free from any buildings or obstructions as it is necessary for the District to gain access to the lines from time to time to deal with repairs and maintenance. MLWSSD has easements along/through many customers’ properties. Before you build or dig on your property, please contact our office to make sure that you do not encroach on our easements.

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**Keith Newman**

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Office Hours Mon., Tues., Wed. 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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**MLWSSD Meeting Schedule**

**The regular meetings of the Moose Lake Windemere Area Sanitary Sewer District are held at 5:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at our office located at 304 ½ Elm Ave, Moose Lake MN (basement of Downtown Dental). If you would like to be on our agenda please call the office at 218-485-8276.**

**Pine County Household Hazardous Waste Facility**

Pine County offers a household hazardous waste program for free to Pine County residents and property owners. Materials accepted are such items as paint, varnish, pesticides, acids, bases, adhesives, automotive products, wood preservatives, etc. The facility also includes a reuse room, where reusable items are available for citizens to come and take for free, even if you don’t have anything to dispose of. Feel free to stop while they are open and check it out.

**Pine County Household Hazardous Waste Facility**

**405 Airport Road, Pine City**

**Open Mid-May – September**

**Wednesday and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Call (320)216-4220 if you have questions**

[](http://www.google.com/url?sa=i&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=images&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwiUmfK8xp7aAhVhxYMKHUAxAQcQjRx6BAgAEAU&url=http://clipartix.com/recycle-clip-art-image-34777/&psig=AOvVaw08BHRHOmL8MbRFxeHhrqtH&ust=1522860197609234)

***Carlton County Household Hazardous Waste Facility***

**Tuesday AND Saturdays**

**8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

**Mid May Through Mid October**

**Carlton County Transfer Station**

Common Items you should bring to the Household Hazardous Waste Facility:

Latex Paint Mercury Thermometers

Oil Paint Mercurty Thermostates

Stain and Varnish Pool Chemicals

Pesticides Fluorescent Light Bulbs

* Herbicides Rechargeable Batteries
* Fungicides Cleaners
* Insecticides Gasoline and other fuels

Solvents

**Carlton County Residential Use Only, No Business Waste**

Visit the Product Exchange Shed for Free Paint and more! Questions contact the Transfer Station at 218-879-9089 or the office at 218-384-9178

*What to do if you see a red light on the control panel at your neighborhood lift station?*

*The red lights are indicators of whether the underground pumps are operating correctly. Normally the lights are green. If you notice that the red light is on please page our Superintendent, Keith Newman immediately at 218-380-6114. In most cases he can assess the situation and complete the repairs without any interruption of service.*

# Information You May Not Know about Lateral Lines

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| A Guide to Your Private Sewer Service Line The Moose Lake Windemere Area Sanitary Sewer District has been serving some of our original customers since the late 70’s early 80’s. We continuously monitor and repair our municipal sewer system, however, the line that runs from your home or building to the municipal sewer system is the homeowner’s responsibility to maintain. Property owners can and should be proactive with inspecting, maintaining and replacing their lateral lines before they fail. Waiting until these pipes fail before fixing or replacing them can be untimely, more expensive and could cause damage to your residence and/or property. What is a lateral line? The lateral line connects your home or building to the municipal sewer system. Wastewater from your sinks, showers, toilets, dishwashers and washing machines flows through the lateral line to the municipal sewer system. The connection point of the lateral line and the municipal sewer system is sometimes referred to as the “point of service” which is basically where your connection meets the Sewer District’s main line in the street or right of way. Who is responsible for maintaining and repairing the lateral line? The lateral line is private property. It is the property owners' responsibility to maintain and repair the lateral line. It’s important to keep the lateral line clear of obstructions and in good working order. This will greatly reduce the risk of blockages, clogs and water backups. What causes lateral lines to become blocked or obstructed? Lateral lines can be blocked or obstructed by items flushed down the toilet or washed down the drain, as well as tree roots, vegetation roots, poor installation practices, grease, and other obstructions. How do I know if my lateral line is blocked or damaged? Some signs that your lateral line is blocked or damaged include slow draining, water pooling around the basement floor drains, sewage smell inside or outside the building, wastewater leaking from cleanouts, and wet ground in your yard. Will insurance cover repairs to the lateral line? Most homeowners'/business owners' insurance policies **do not** cover damages caused by a problem with the lateral line. You should verify coverage with your insurance agent. |

#### How do I maintain the lateral line?

* Have the lateral line inspected and cleaned by a licensed plumber. Make sure the contractor is licensed, bonded and is qualified to perform the work.
* Do not plant trees or large shrubs near the lateral line. Roots can enter the lateral line and cause a blockage. If roots enter your lateral line, call a licensed plumber to clear the line.
* Do not pour grease down the sink. When grease cools, it can build up in the lateral line and cause a blockage. Do not flush diapers, disposable wipes, feminine hygiene products or other none toilet paper materials down the toilet. These items can block the lateral line.

***Carlton County Residential Recycling Centers***

**Carlton County Recycling Centers are for collection of residential recyclables from Carlton County Residents. Business recyclables are not accepted at the centers. If you have questions regarding the programs offered please contact the Resource and Recycling Coordinator at 218-384-9178 Staffed Recycling Centers**

City Location

Barnum Behind the Fire Hall Hours:

Carlton County Highway 1 Wed, Thur, Friday 2 p.m. -6 p.m

Esko Next to Town Hall

Moose Lake Next to Arena Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Perch Lake Next to Town Hall

**Pine County Recycling Sheds**

**Pine County offers Recycling Sheds throughout the County for residents to use free of charge. NO GARBAGE ALLOWED. Below are a few of their locations call 320-216-4220 for more locations.**

City  Location

Hinckley Pine County Highway Garage

Sandstone PHASE, 106 Main Street

Askov Askov Hardware and Lumber

Willow River Pine County Highway Garage, Highway 61

Rutledge Next to the Community Center

Bruno Pine County Highway Garage, East Side of Bruno

Finlayson Behind the Municipal Liquor Store

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