

South Durango Sanitation District
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South Durango Sanitation District Customers:

New treatment requirements are being developed by the Colorado Water Quality Control Division Management Plan which will result in new and updated water quality standards scheduled to go into effect in 2027. The South Durango Sanitation District is experiencing steady growth which will require increased capacity. The District adopted an updated Master Plan which identified future capital needs for replacements and improvements to the District's Wastewater System necessary to meet all projected standards and future demands for wastewater treatment service. The Master Plan includes a financial model which projects the revenue requirements from user fees and plant investment fees (tap fees) that will be necessary to meet future operating and capital financial demands.

The last user fee increase was 3½ years ago in March 2021. As part of the 2025 budget process, the Board updated the financial model to determine if current rates are adequate to meet the financial requirements for increased operating costs, treatment plant improvements, and increased capacity in the wastewater system. Based on that review the Board has determined that an increase in the monthly user fee to \$60/month/ERT (equivalent residential tap) is necessary. Plant investment fees (tap fees) were also increased to \$12,000/ERT to ensure that growth pays for the increased capacity in the System.

The new user fees will be reflected in your October 2024 bill for November service. The payment amount for customers with automatic ACH payments will be adjusted for the increase. Some customers with ACH payments have paid one month in advance, so their monthly bill reflects a balance due of \$0.00. Those bills will now reflect a balance due of \$10.00 unless you contact the billing department at (970)749-7386 to authorize an additional onetime prepayment of \$10.00 or you may write a check for the \$10.00 amount. If you pay through online banking, please update your payments accordingly.

If you have questions about the District, please call 970-382-2623 and leave a message or visit the website to send an email. The Board of Directors of the District meets on the third Thursday of each month at 6:00 o'clock p.m. at 65 Mercado Street, in Three Springs. Meeting notices and agendas are posted on the website. All meetings are open to the public.

Board of Directors