

Sanitary System Tips:

You are responsible for maintaining a healthy septic environment on your property to ensure the system works properly.

DON'T FLUSH:

- **wipes of any kind, flushable and non-flushable**
- feminine hygiene products, condoms, contraceptives
- excessive fats, oil, grease
- bandages, wrappings
- cigarette butts and coffee grounds
- disposable diapers and dryer sheets
- ear swabs, cotton balls, dental floss
- facial tissue, paper towels, scrubbing pads
- hair
- medication
- pet waste, kitty litter
- automotive fluid, paints, solvents, sealants, thinners
- poisons, hazardous waste
- plastic of any kind
- inorganic materials
- syringes, needles, sharp objects

To learn more about your septic system and how to maintain a healthy environment, check out our resources page of the About Us section on PLSD website:

www.plsdistrict.org/statutory-documents

PLSD Prioritizes System Improvement Needs

With the system nearly 30 years old, the Board continues to look at additional system needs in addition to the significant funds already invested. Over the past six months, Manager Carlson has identified numerous improvements needed; some more critical than others. Year to date, the PLSD is replacing most air relief valves (a critical system component), purchased vent filters for all main lift stations, finished manhole rehabilitation, and initiated an effort to pump all septic tanks within the system.

PLSD Pleads: Don't Flush Your Disposable Wipes!

Disposable wipes have been causing problems in communities around the country and Pickerel Lake is no different. Wipes - used for changing diapers, personal hygiene, housecleaning, and more - cause major problems when flushed down toilets. Though many of these products are labeled "flushable" or "septic safe," they are anything but. The same goes for facial tissues, baby wipes, paper towels and other products. Because they don't break down the way toilet paper does, disposable wipes clog pipes. Wipes snag on any imperfection in sewer pipes, catch passing debris and grease, and create a "ball" that will grow to plug the pipe. They also get drawn into pumps and lift stations and clog them, causing significant damage. PLSD asks that if residents do use wipes, please put them in the trash. **Don't flush them!**

PLSD Reminds You to Provide Access

As we continue to make improvements, PLSD reminds all cabin owners that you must maintain your property free of encroachments on system components such as manholes, lift stations, and clean out accesses. Examples of obstruction include landscaping, fences, arbors, lamp posts, signs, swing sets, sidewalks, retaining walls, garages, out buildings, etc. PLSD will remove any encroachments to gain access, as needed, at the cabin owner's expense.

PLSD Considers 2022 Budget Needs

PLSD is required to periodically review customer rates to ensure revenue is adequate to cover anticipated operating expenses and system reserve funds. The Board voted to increase the rate by \$100 to \$375 each billing cycle; with the majority of the increase being allocated to the reserve & replacement fund.

Residential Fee	Amount (Mar/Sep)	Yearly Total
Operating Expense	\$225.00	\$450.00
Reserve & Replacement	\$150.00	\$300.00
Total	\$375.00	\$750.00

2021 PLSD Trustees:

- Iver Finnesand, *President*
- Josh Bartos, *Vice President*
- Kim Remily, *Interim Trustee*

Remaining 2021 Meeting Dates:

- August 13, 2021
- September 10, 2021
- October 8, 2021
- November 12, 2021

Board meets the 2nd Friday of the month April – November. Agenda is posted on the website 24 hours prior to the meeting.

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PLSD Appoints Remily as Interim Trustee

The PLSD Board recently appointed Kim Remily to serve the remaining term vacated by Craig Bair. The term expires October 2022; however, Trustee Bair no longer owns property within the sanitary district boundaries and is no longer eligible to serve as a trustee. Trustees serve a three-year term with staggered expiration dates. More information can be found on our website www.plsdistrict.org.

PLSD Makes Administrative Changes to Better Serve You

The PLSD Board continues to seek opportunities to better communicate with our customers. System Manager Justin Carlson now carries a PLSD cell phone dedicated to service calls and responding to customers. The new number is **605-467-1503** – please call this number for any repair issues rather than leaving a message on the office phone. The office number (605-486-0069) remains in place for questions about billing, payments, or address change needs. PLSD will begin issuing invoices via email with the September billing. Additionally, we plan to offer autopay and will strongly encourage everyone to take advantage of the paperless option by completing the autopay enrollment form that will be emailed to all customers. The PLSD office is making every effort to secure primary email and mobile numbers to ensure we reach you in the most efficient manner. If you need to update your email address or primary cell number, please email us at info@PLSDistrict.org.

PLSD Updates Ordinance to Follow Industry Practices

The PLSD Board researched comparable municipalities that operate sanitary sewer systems to determine customer responsibilities for maintaining system components that exist on their property. Based on the research, customers are typically responsible for any components that are on their property that connect their structure to the main collection line. This includes all pipe, septic tanks, receptacles, lift pumps, control boxes, and other accessories. The main line and equipment necessary to operate the system is maintained by the sanitary district. As a result of these findings, the Board proceeded with amending Ordinance 12A to move financial responsibility to the customer for repairs completed on the owner's property. PLSD will work with cabin owners to facilitate timely repairs. The amended ordinance will become effective August 9, 2021.

PLSD Phone Numbers:

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Maintenance: 605.467.1503