KOOTENAI-PONDERAY SEWER DISTRICT

The Waste Watcher

Our Mission: To provide the best possible customer and wastewater services while preserving the public health, in accordance with all State and Federal regulations, while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

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BOARD MEMBERS

Jim Osman
Eric Paull
Robert Thurston
Larry Ellis
Daniel Hanson

BOARD MEETINGS

June 8
July 13
August 10

Board meetings are held at 6:00 PM at the District office, located at 511 Whiskey Jack Road.

BUDGET WORKSHOPS

To be determined in July 2026



OFFICE CLOSURE

Memorial Day:
Monday, May 25, 2026

Independence Day:
Friday, July 4, 2026

Labor Day:
Monday, September 7, 2026
Reminder: The District is closed on Fridays.

Mailing Address:
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Kootenai, ID 83840
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Summer Prep: Keep Your Pipes Happy When Things Heat up

Summer is just around the corner and with it comes more backyard fun: sprinklers running, cars getting washed, and extra showers after a long day outside. It all adds up quickly! Water use in many households doubles or more in summer compared to winter, largely due to outdoor irrigation. During warmer months, lawn and garden watering can account for 50 to 70% of a home's total water consumption. That increased flow puts added stress on our pipes, pumps, and wastewater treatment facility. Heat dries out soil around sewer lines, making small cracks more noticeable, and warmer wastewater makes it harder for beneficial bacteria to break down waste effectively. The result can be slow drains, backups, or more serious issues down the line.

The good news: a few small changes can go a long way. Conserving water eases the load on our system, lowers your water bill, and helps keep our local streams clean for summer boating, fishing and swimming.

Outside: Water early morning or evening (less evaporation). Sweep driveways instead of hosing them. Fix drippy hoses/sprinklers ASAP

Inside: Shorten showers to 5 minutes, run full dishwashers/washer loads, shut off the tap while brushing teeth.

Easy Upgrades: Swap in low-flow showerheads. Hunt for leaks.

A little mindfulness goes a long way toward smoother summers for everyone. Thanks for helping keep things flowing!

Important Due Dates

This year's LID billing has been mailed out. The annual payment is due by **June 19th, 2026**. When submitting your payment, please clearly mark your check with your LID #1 designation and include the remittance slip. We kindly ask that your LID #1 and sewer bill payments be made with separate checks.

Bill Pay Checks

The BID number on your statement is your account number. Please reference your BID number on all payments to ensure proper posting to your account.

Cash Payments

For the safety of our staff and customers, please do not place cash payments in the drop box.

Final Payment Deadline — ALL ACCOUNTS

Tuesday, July 28th, 2026 at 5 PM is the final deadline for past due quarterly sewer bills and LID #1 annual payments. Accounts not paid by this deadline will have penalties and service charges applied and may be turned over to collections per Idaho Code. Please reference your BID number on all checks or money orders.

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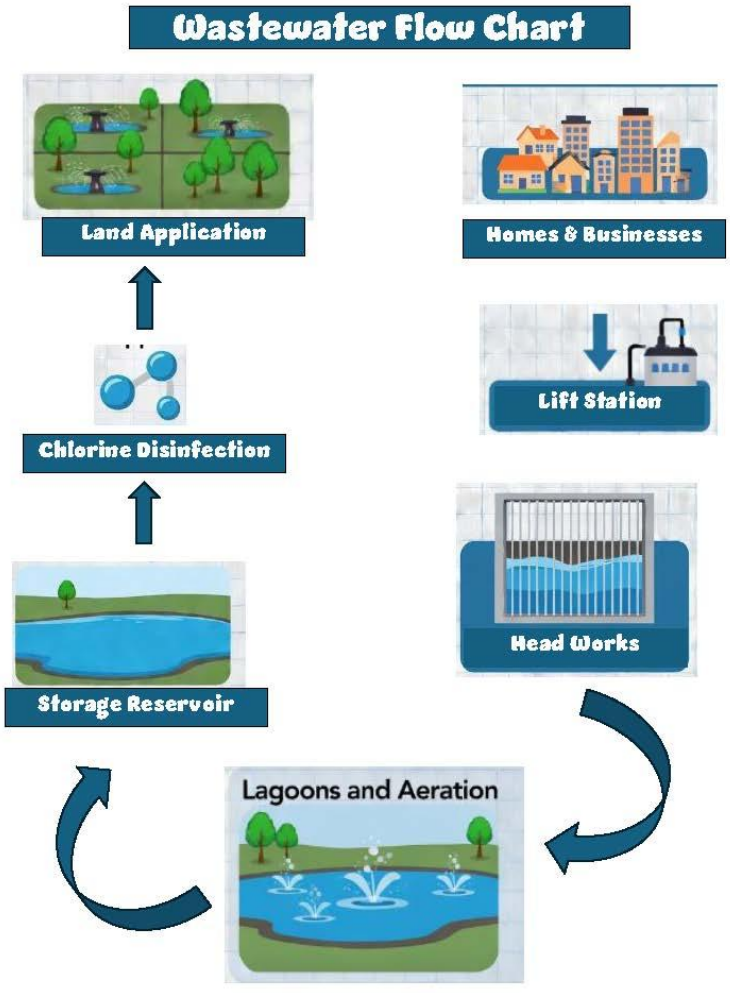
BUDGET MEETINGS

The District will be hosting its Annual Budget Workshop in July . During the workshop, the Board will review the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year alongside the current year's financials. This review also includes an evaluation of current rates and fees, including quarterly sewer rates, which fund the day-to-day Operations and Maintenance of your District. This year's workshop will also feature financial updates related to the ongoing plant upgrades.

A Budget Public Hearing is scheduled for August 24, 2026, at 5pm at which time the Board will conduct a final review and formally adopt the Proposed Budget.

We encourage all community members to attend and stay informed about how your District is managed. Watch for updates on confirmed dates and times for both events on Facebook, X and our website.

How your Wastewater Gets Treated



From your home to our treatment facility and back to nature, every drop of wastewater goes through a careful cleaning process. At Kootenai-Ponderay Sewer District, we work around the clock to protect public health and keep our waterways clean.

Remember to call before you dig

Protect your property and our pipes, call before you dig!

Be sure you are following us:

@kpsewerdistrict

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Pay online @ kootenai.billingdoc.net/login
Please watch for upcoming updates to our payment portal

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