



# 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  
Larry Ellis  
Eric Paull  
Cliff Sires  
Robert Thurston

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

December 12, 2022  
January 9, 2023

Meetings are held  
at 6:00 p.m. on the  
2nd Monday of each month  
at the District office  
511 Whiskey Jack Road

### OFFICE CLOSURE

Nov. 24th—Thanksgiving  
Dec. 26th—Christmas  
Dec. 31st - New Year's Eve  
Jan. 2nd—New Year's Day

**The Office will be closed from  
12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. on  
December 15th for the  
Board and Staff Holiday  
luncheon**

### Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 562  
Kootenai, ID 83840  
OFC: (208) 263-0229  
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Office Location:  
511 Whiskey Jack Road



## NEWS & REMINDERS

**New Monthly Rates Effective 10/1/2022:** Per the Public Hearing held on August 29th, the following rates will be effective as of October 1, 2022.

Type of User	New Rate/per Month
Single Family Residence	\$53.33
Commercial-Residential (per ER)	53.33
Commercial Use (per ER)	71.56
Industrial Use (per ER)	91.18
Admin/Vacant (per ER)	10.18
Gov/Non-Profit (per ER)	26.70

**Update Your Bank Bill-Pay System:** If you are utilizing an "on-line bill pay" services, please update your account information to reflect the new sewer fees. Adding your sewer account number in the memo section of your bank's bill pay insures the proper crediting of your payment to your account. **Your account number starts with "BID" and 4 numbers. For example "BID0000".** Your account number can be found on your billing statement.

**Help Your Neighbor:** In this changing financial world, it is a balancing act for all of us. Your generosity, especially in these tough times, is appreciated so much. If you are struggling, please visit our office for an application for assistance with your sewer service. Many thanks to all the anonymous donors and the following local contributors for their continued support: DSS Construction, Inc., Dryvest, Inc., Outdoors Inn, Ponderay Dental, Squeaky's Truck and Auto Works, and Tom's Differentials, Inc.

**City of Kootenai:** Please welcome Kootenai's new deputy clerk, Mandy Corbett. We are very excited to have her. She is proving to be a great asset to the City of Kootenai.

**On Line Payment Portal is Here:** If you have an internet connection and an email address, you can now pay your KPSD bill on line.

Visit our website at [www.kootenaiponderaysewerdistrict.org](http://www.kootenaiponderaysewerdistrict.org)

Select the "Pay Bill" icon  
Create an account and then add your Web ID (found on your quarterly bill) which should then pull up your service address. If you have multiple service addresses, you will have to add the Web ID for each address.

Our payment portal gives you the ability to pay by credit card, set up automatic recurring payments, access your account (s) on line, and view your last billing statement or payment history.

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## Santa Sack Project - Santa Claus Is Coming to Ponderay & Kootenai Saturday, December 17, 2022

The City of Ponderay is excited to announce that Santa and his trusty elves will be flying around the Ponderay Community (and Kootenai Elementary) on Saturday, December 17th for the 19th annual Santa Sack Project. This event began years ago by sending out Santa Claus on a fire truck into the neighborhoods of Ponderay and handing out a simple bag of candy. However, it was clear from those early days that there was a greater need in the community and over the last 18 years that vision has grown. Thanks to incredibly generous donations from the community and local businesses, Santa and crew, are now able to deliver 575 bags each year filled to the brim with essentials and goodies to children and senior citizens alike.

Over the years, the Santa Sack project has turned into an amazing community event, lending a helping hand while creating memories with the children of Ponderay and Kootenai. Children all bundled up, anxiously stand by the curb waiting to see Santa, Mrs. Claus and the elves who arrive on the Ponderay Express Trolley. There are so many in need in our community. It is truly heartwarming to see the smiles and hear the appreciative thanks. We are so grateful, that we are able to continue this program year after year thanks to the generous support of the community!

Please help us continue to make memories. If you are interested in supporting this wonderful project by making a donation, it would be so appreciated. Your donations stay within our community and will be delivered personally by Santa and Mrs. Claus. We strive to make each sack the same, so items are ordered in bulk in advance of the event in order to stretch every dollar just as far as it can go. Gift bags are packed in Santa's Workshop (Ponderay City Hall) the week of December 12th-16th.

Donations can be made at Ponderay City Hall or by mail to City of Ponderay, P.O. Box 500, Ponderay, ID 83852. Please make checks payable to the City of Ponderay and notate "Santa Sack" in the memo line. Please feel free to call Kayleigh Miller at (208)265- 5468 with any questions.

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 <p><b>Tom's Differentials Inc.</b></p> <p>Strip or Street Rear Ends</p> <p>(208) 265-8111 (208) 265-5516 Fax 900 Kootenai Cutoff Road Ponderay, ID 83852 WEB-SITE: www.tomsdifferentials.com</p> <p>Posi's Spool's Ring and Pinions Axles, Steel Caps Billet Components</p>	 <p><b>PONDERAY DENTAL</b> Dr. Kirk Davidson Ponderay, ID. 208-265-6771</p>

### NPDES Permit Update:

The District continues to work diligently to find ways to meet the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) requirements. A Lake Study was completed regarding the District using a deep water outfall to discharge to rather than the current discharge to the Boyer Slough. Those results have been provided to DEQ for review. The District is reviewing the cost options related to moving the outfall, installation of a package mechanical type plant or a combination of both.

The possibility of a regional sewer plant comprised of several of the different sewer entities in the area began several years ago. The costs and feasibility of regionalization are still being evaluated.

The District is aware of not only the responsibility of the District to the environment and providing a necessary service, but of the financial burden the new requirements will incur which affects our patrons. These are **requirements which have to be met**. The District is searching for a financially feasible way to meet these requirements which is also acceptable to DEQ.