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Applewood Sanitation District 2026 Residential Newsletter

Thank you for reading our annual update in Q&A format.

What is the Applewood Sanitation District?

The Applewood Sanitation District, established in 1958, is a special district in Jefferson County, Colorado, providing sanitary sewer collection services to a residential and commercial service area. The District owns and maintains a modest-sized collection system and conveys all wastewater to Metro Water Recovery for regional treatment. High level statistics:

- Miles of sewer pipeline: 18
- Manholes: 468
- Average gallons per day: 340,000

How can residents help to maintain our sewer system?

Please do not flush wipes - they do not disintegrate and can clog our pipes. Please do not put fats, oils or grease down your kitchen sink as they can cause clogs. In addition, Metro Water Recovery charges extra to treat these substances.

What did the District accomplish last year?

Last year was a productive year for our district! We completed several major capital improvement projects (CIP) to our sewer system. The District completed a rate study and financial assessment to ensure our rates are able to sustain our short and long term costs. Finally, we successfully implemented quarterly billing to spread out this utility cost for our residents.

Are rates changing for 2026?

Yes, our new quarterly rate is \$162.50. Despite the ever-increasing costs of maintaining our aging wastewater collection system and costs from Metro Water Recovery to treat our wastewater, we were able to reduce the residential rate increase by improving our CIP bidding process. This improvement has resulted in significant cost savings for our District. Our intention for future years is to keep annual rate increases consistent with inflation.

Is there an incentive to enroll in Auto Pay and Paperless billing?

YES! Accounts that are enrolled in Auto Pay and Paperless Billing by March 31 will be entered to win a \$100 Maverik gift card.

If you haven't already enrolled, we kindly ask you to enroll in Auto Pay AND Paperless billing.

- Auto Pay ensures that your quarterly bill is paid on time without incurring late fees.
- Paperless billing saves the district significant costs through less time, postage and paper.

Approximately 40% of our residents are enrolled in Auto Pay and Paperless billing. Our district has set a goal of 60% by December of 2026. Please help us to meet this goal!

What are the steps to enroll in Auto Pay and Paperless billing?

1. Log on to applewoodsan.org and click the **Pay Bill** button.
2. Login to (or create) your NexBillPay account.
3. At the top of the Account Overview page, turn ON Paperless billing. This will open another window where you can enter your email address and save changes.
4. Click **Auto Pay** in the left side column. You may enroll with a link to your checking account or by entering a credit card. To avoid credit card transaction fees, add only your bank account information.

Note: If you sign up for Paperless billing but not AutoPay, you are responsible for checking your email and paying bills on time.

Please email or call with any comments and they will be heard. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve you. Please reference www.applewoodsan.org for more information about our District.

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