

A publication of the Board of Municipal Utilities

John Dzwonczyk, chair

Tony Abram, Randy Phillips, Tim Rush
Dana Schnabel



Avon Lake
Regional Water

NEW LATERAL SEPARATION DEADLINES

The Avon Lake Board of Municipal Utilities (the Board) approved changes to the upcoming lateral separation deadlines in order to provide Avon Lake homeowners with more time for compliance. These changes called, the Sewer Lateral Path Forward, are as follows:

1. Customers must confirm that clean water sources such as foundation drains, yard and/or driveway drains, and downspouts are not discharging into sanitary laterals by:
 - a. **November 30, 2018, for homes in the “Group A” area,**
 - b. **June 30, 2019, for homes in the “Group B” area, and**
 - c. **November 30, 2019, for homes in the “Group C” area.**

- The Group C area entails homes in the 45 Area Combined Sewer Separation Project (Forest, Grove, Lakeview, Lakewood, Oakwood, South Point, and Tomahawk) and on Avondale.
- The Group B area entails homes in the Fairfield-Brookfield Sewer Separation Project (Berkshire, Brookfield, Fairfield, Inwood north of Redwood, parts of Lake, and parts of Electric), as well as homes on streets with formerly combined sewers that do not have storm access including Avon Belden (north of Redwood), Beachdale, Beck, Curtis, Fay, Forest Hill, Groveland, Hermann, Karen, Sunset, Vanda, Vineyard, and Woodstock (Electric to Lake).
- The Group A area includes all other homes on formerly combined sewer area streets including the Belmar project area (Artsdale, Ashwood, Belmar, parts of Electric, parts of Lake, Mooreland, and parts of Redwood), the Moorewood project area (Beachwood, Crestwood, Parkwood, Moorewood, parts of Electric, parts of Redwood, and Vinewood), Avon Belden (south of Redwood), Bellaire, Burton, Cherry, Dellwood, Drummond, Duff, Electric (parts), Glenview, Harvey, Inwood (south of Redwood), James, Jaycox, June, Lake (parts), Lear, Miller, Moore, Mull, Norman, Parkview, Redwood (parts), West Shore, Woodstock (south of Electric), Yoder, and York.

Confirmation will first be through a free inspection by Avon Lake Regional Water. If Avon Lake Regional Water is unable to

confirm a home is not discharging clean water into the sanitary lateral, then the customer will need to confirm through another source, possibly an outside contractor with some sort of video device or by digging. If this is done, then Avon Lake Regional Water staff must be present to review the video or inspect what is unearthed. If Avon Lake Regional Water determines work must be done to prevent clean water from entering the sanitary sewer, then this work must be completed and confirmed prior to the dates above.

2. If customers have not confirmed clean water sources are not discharging into sanitary laterals by this time (including completing any required work), the following will occur:
 - a. **The customer will no longer be eligible for the \$1,000 wastewater bill rebate if the customer separates in a manner that ends up with two separate laterals leading to the respective storm and sanitary sewers,**
 - b. **The Board may begin issuing fines that will be waived if it is determined that the home is in compliance preventing clean water sources from entering the sanitary lateral, and**
 - c. **That address will be included in legal filings with the court.**
3. At dates after those stated in Item 1(above), documents will be filed with the court to:
 - a. **Grant access to Avon Lake Regional Water, the City of Avon Lake, and/or its contractors to inspect the property to see if clean water sources from that property are discharging into the sanitary sewer; and**
 - b. **If so, grant authority to address the issue by removing all clean water sources from the sanitary lateral and redirecting them to the storm sewer or another appropriate discharge point at the discretion of Avon Lake Regional Water and/or the City of Avon Lake.**

As described in the 2018 Council resolution, all costs for that work, plus an additional 5% will be assessed to the owner of the property where the work will be completed.

If you have any questions regarding the deadline changes, want to schedule your free inspection, or need assistance with the loan program, please call us at (440) 933-6226. 💧

BOARD APPROVES NEW WASTEWATER RATE, EFFECTIVE 7/1/2018

	Current	7/1/2018
<i>Administrative Fee Per Bill</i>	\$8.25	\$8.25
<i>Rate Per 1,000 gal</i>	\$4.80	\$5.52

At the February 6th meeting, the Board approved the wastewater rate change to help finance the \$80 million wastewater capital program, which includes the combined sewer separation projects and plant rehabilitation. The new rate would raise the average wastewater bill by about \$10 per quarter. 💧

WASTEWATER PLANT REHABILITATION CONTINUES

Since 2016, the Water Reclamation Facility (wastewater plant) has been under a major rehabilitation to replace failing infrastructure and help Avon Lake Regional Water comply with changing EPA regulations. The following improvements are completed and/or underway:

- New laboratory – completed April 2017
- New ultraviolet disinfection units – completed in April 2017
- New final clarifier – completed in June 2017
- New office building – completed in September 2017
- New power generation system – completed October 2017
- New mechanical equipment to clarifiers – estimated completion date is March 2018
- New grit chamber – estimated completion date is March 2018
- New screening building – estimated completion date is March 2018
- New solids press – estimated completion date is March 2018
- New wash water system and conveyor with associated pumps – estimated completion date is March 2018
- New digester heater and digester sludge pumps – estimated completion date is April 2018
- New chain and flight collection system in primary clarifiers – estimated completion date is March 2018 for one set and July 2018 for the other two



PAYING YOUR QUARTERLY BILL

There are multiple ways to pay your quarterly bill:

- In person at our offices (201 Miller Road, Avon Lake) or Discount Drug Mart (33382 Walker Road, Avon Lake)
- Check via mail to our offices at 201 Miller Road, Avon Lake
- Credit Card (there is a processing fee) via creating an online account or over the phone
- Automatic debit from a bank account (must complete an authorization form for reoccurring payment)
- Through the online portal at avonlakewater.org (able to use bank account or credit card)
- Through online bill pay system (please allow 7-10 business days for us to receive payment)

Customers are responsible for assuring their payment is received by Avon Lake Regional Water by the 20th to avoid late penalties. 💧

THANK YOU CUSTOMERS THAT COMPLETED SEWER SEPARATION

Avon Lake Regional Water would like to thank those customers who had their homes inspected and either separated or are in the process of separation. Your actions are helping protect Lake Erie and our drinking water.

BACKFLOW TESTING DUE MAY 25TH

If you have an in-ground sprinkling system, you must have an annual backflow test and the results sent to Avon Lake Regional Water by May 25th. Avon Lake Regional Water has a list of contractors that perform backflow testing. If you like to obtain a copy of the list, please call us at **(440) 933-6226**.

