

# LAKE PEWAUKEE SANITARY DISTRICT



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## **SANITARY SYSTEM NEWS**

The Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District works very hard and takes pride in keeping our user fees down. We work hard to be financially responsible and constantly budget for maintenance of the aging system. The desire is to continue to provide the best possible service at the most reasonable cost to the users. The goal is to get the most use out of all the equipment before replacement is needed. However inevitably, we expect the costs to go up next year due to the cost of gas, oil, wages and equipment.

In an effort to keep cost down we need all our users of the sanitary sewer system to be conscious of adding clear water to the volume of flow we are sending to Brookfield. If you have a gutter downspout or sump pump going to your sewer lateral, we are paying to treat water that does not need treating. The Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District has an aggressive maintenance system to eliminate clear water leaks in our system. While we work consistently on finding these Infiltration and Inflow (I&I) sources, the biggest and hardest problem to solve is the leaky private laterals and the illegal sump pump connections. This is where teamwork and cooperation is needed from the system users. If you have any question about your system and need help, please contact our office at 262-691-4485 and we'll come take a look at no cost to you. Providing access to televise the laterals that have been leaking allows us to determine repairs. The District has a support fund set up to assist homeowners in sharing the cost of repairing the laterals. The televising allows the homeowners to see a problem (tree roots or a broken pipe) that may exist which can lead to basement sewage backup. Working together eliminates backups and clear water infiltration. For more detailed information about our sanitary sewer system visit our website at: [www.lakepewaukee.org](http://www.lakepewaukee.org) and look under the sanitary sewer system page.

## **LAKE OPERATIONS**

The lake crews are in full swing for the 2022 season and the aquatic plants have been handled pretty well along all the shorelines and out 150 feet or so which is our priority number one for harvesting. The lake is still fairly clear despite the heavy winds. The aquatic vegetation is a very diverse plant community with the Eurasian water milfoil down to being about 15-20% of the plant community. Starry Stonewort is showing up in multiple locations and appears to be heaviest in Starkey Bay. Curly leaf pondweed is the leading invasive species right now.

While we are putting the crews in full force, we can't emphasize enough how much more efficient we can remove the weeds if the lake property owners participate in the pile pick ups on Mondays and Fridays. The Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District started this process several years ago and to date, other Lake Districts have been following our lead. This process takes teamwork. Since the 1800 -1900's teams of people have been raking and piling weeds on the shorelines for disposal to help improve our waters.

This "pile pick up" is on Mondays and Fridays weather permitting. We send crews out to pick up piles of weeds that the lake homeowner's have stacked up on the shoreline. While this does take effort from you, this effort goes

farther than you think. If your Aquatic plants are piled we can move around the lake quicker, pick up more weeds faster and it allows us to clean more shoreline and harvest more milfoil.

If you cannot possibly do this there are high school and college kids willing to do it for you and it isn't expensive. It's no different than hiring a lawn service because you want a better lawn. Call our office for more information as we like to work with these services and are even willing to pick up the piles they make. Our position is the more invasive species we can remove from the lake the better off we all are.

Lake Equipment reminder –

**The Harvesters** (weed cutters) are Yellow. They are cutting on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. The harvesters do not cut on Fridays so we can focus on cleaning up the cut weeds (the floaters) to prep the lake for the recreational users over the weekend whether you are sailing, fishing, skiing or just on a scenic cruise.

**The Shore barges** (pick up – floaters and shorelines) are Orange. They are out everyday, picking up floating weeds and weeds along the shoreline. They try to make there way around the entire lake about every 2 weeks or so pending on the amount of floaters on the shorelines.

**The Transporters** are Blue. They are out everyday and they are used for unloading Harvesters and Shore barges to transport the weeds across the lake. They hook up to the conveyor which loads the weeds into Big Red (the big red dump truck). The Transporters are also utilized in pile pickups on Mondays and Fridays.

All equipment and lake staff are scheduled daily based on aquatic plant status and wind directions. The schedules are always subject to weather conditions. Old Mother Nature can shut us down at any time. While we will work in rain and windy conditions, we pull the crews off the lake when the winds get too strong and/or lightning is observed in the area.

*Remember if you want your shoreline looking mint for the Holiday weekend (or any weekend), help us, help you, by stacking the weeds in piles for Fridays pile pick up. Remember to stack the aquatic plants where they are accessible for pick up.*

## **HARVESTING HELP**

**We are looking for more lake staff employees to help collect the floating aquatic vegetation on the shorelines. It's the best summer job you will ever have. You must be 18 years old to apply and we are looking to fill 3-4 positions.**

**Help us make Pewaukee Lake the best lake around. Contact Rita at 262-691-4485 for an application today!**

**ACH Payment Program** – The Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District is offering this “Direct Auto Payment” option as a convenience. If you would like to participate and pay your quarterly sewer bill through an ACH withdrawal (auto pay), there are several options for you to sign up. Request a form by phone (262-691-4485), email [lpd@lakepewaukee.org](mailto:lpd@lakepewaukee.org) or download the fillable printable form available on the LPSD website at [lakepewaukee.org](http://lakepewaukee.org).

Attention to anyone that is moving out of the District and on ACH (Direct Auto Payment). If you move please notify us prior to our quarterly billing. There is a “Cancellation Form for ACH” on our website.

Visit our website for a detailed explanation of equipment and their uses at [www.lakepewaukee.org](http://www.lakepewaukee.org)