

LAKE PEWAUKEE

SANITARY DISTRICT



JULY
2026



Check out a short
video of the lake
operations here



**THE LAST PILE PICK-UP BEFORE THE JULY 4TH WEEKEND
IS THURSDAY JULY 2ND PASS THE WORD TO YOUR
NEIGHBORS.**



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. The lake crews are in full swing for the 2026 season and the aquatic plants have been handled pretty well along all shorelines and out 150 feet.

The lake is still relatively clear despite the temptations of algae blooms due to the major influx of nutrients from the two recent record rainfalls (Aug 2025, April 2026). With the hot weather coming and the added nutrients, it will be no surprise to see algae blooms. When you have major rain events, fertilizers and silt flow into the lake with the runoff. Fertilizers work just as well underwater as they do above water. This is why fertilizer application and proper lawn maintenance are crucial. Despite this, LPSD will do all it can to mitigate any impact. Currently, there is a very diverse plant community with only Eurasian

water milfoil and curly leaf at about 15-20% of the plant community. Starry Stonewort is present, but seems to have found its place for growth and has stayed at bay in the ecosystem.

While we are putting the crews in full force, we can't emphasize enough how much more efficiently 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 20 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 is not 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.

Our lake building will also be getting a face lift. Remodeling will start in late July, however, we intend to continue the lake service through October as typical. A video of our lake building can be seen on our website www.lakepewaukee.org. You can see the 81-year-old building has served its useful life and then some. Timing is good with the current construction going on at the Pewaukee Yacht Club. We hope the remodeled existing building will eliminate the current eye sore and thereby help continue to improve the values of the businesses and residences on the lake as well as all homes in the lake country area. A clean and healthy lake is one of the greatest assets in the Pewaukee, Delafield and entire Lake Country area.



SEWER OPERATIONS

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of this newsletter



The reconstruction of our largest lift station and the remodeling of the support building located at the end of Oak Street has started. The buildings served their useful life and are in desperate need of upgrading. Development in the area continues to drive the need for bigger pumps, pipes, wet wells, and space for the equipment and staff that maintain the stations. Our temporary office is the job trailer located at N25 W27675 Prospect Avenue. We will operate out of that trailer and existing garage for over a year as the expected completion dates are in October of 2027. This move is hard on staff, space is limited, and storage is cumbersome.

The District has done extensive due diligence on minimizing the projects to the bare essentials. In addition, we were very fortunate to receive a WDNR Clean Water Fund Loan at 2.5% over 20 years to keep future rate changes at a minimum. Developers are being required to pay "their fair share" through the Wastewater Treatment and Capacity charge. We had Ehlers do the cost analysis up to 2035 to assure any future rate increases stay within 3% and 5% as long as something unforeseen doesn't arise. The commissioners, manager, and most of the employees live in the area and so do our parents. We are also rate payers as and we do not want to see rate increases either.

We understand and are doing everything to balance the needs and the costs.

The sewer lining project is underway and should be finished in the next week or two. This is the black pipe starting on Meadowbrook Road heading east toward WCTC on college avenue. The 24" concrete sewer pipe is deteriorating, and sections of that sewer interceptor is being lined so it will last another 50 years or more.

The black pipe is a "bypass" pipe that will carry the sewer past the sections of pipe that are being rehabilitated (lined).

We see the gas company installing new lines along Prospect Avenue before the County paves the road. It is our understanding that the County work will start July 20th or so. I think we all can't wait to see that road paved. It is being repaved from Meadowbrook rd. to highway I-94.

Please bear with us as this is a very challenging time for all our staff. Five people in a 12 X 11 office including the manager trying to correspond to contractors, residents, staff, engineers, and legal counsel. Traffic will be heavier for the

duration due to contractors, and construction on oak street. The LPSD staff at the temporary prospect site will be operating as usual once we are settled in.

Working hours for the District are typically 7 a.m. - 3:30 pm Monday through Friday. However, sewer work calls and duties can be anytime of the day and night and on weekends.

SAVE THE PIPES! DON'T FLUSH WIPES
(OR ANYTHING OTHER THAN TOILET PAPER)

SEWER BACKUPS ARE:

- Gross
- Unhealthy
- Costly
- Harmful to our rivers and lakes

DID YOU KNOW?

- Most sewer spills are preventable and are the result of misuse of the sewer system
- Flushed baby wipes and other items cause tens of thousands of dollars in damage each year
- Flushing anything other than human waste and toilet paper down the toilet can damage household plumbing, the environment, and the wastewater system

OK TO FLUSH:

- Human Waste
- Toilet Paper

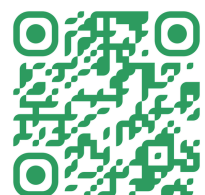
NOT OK TO FLUSH:

- Baby Wipes, including "flushable" wipes
- Paper Towels
- Cotton Swabs
- Tampon/Pads
- Condoms
- Tissue/Kleenex
- Dental Floss
- Diapers
- Cleaning Pads/Wipes

"FLUSHABLE" WIPES AREN'T FLUSHABLE!
Test after test proves that "flushable" wipes don't break down in the sewer.

Visit our website for a detailed explanation of equipment and their uses at:

www.lakepewaukee.org



If you have any questions about sewer operations, sump pumps, or summer lake crew opportunities, contact Lake Pewaukee Sanitary District at (262)-691-4485, email us at LPSP@lakepewaukee.org, or visit our website at www.lakepewaukee.org.