

South Durango Sanitation District  
Notice of Rate Increase

At its regular meeting on November 20, 2025, the Board authorized an increase in the monthly rate to \$70 per ERT. The District operating expenses for personnel, utilities, supplies, permitting and administration continue to increase. The District's wastewater collection and treatment system has equipment that needs to be replaced or upgraded. The Water Quality Control Division of the Colorado Department of Health has advised operators of wastewater treatment facilities that changes in discharge limits are being proposed in the next few years. The approved 2024 Master Plan for the District has identified future capital needs for replacements and improvements to the District's Wastewater System necessary to meet all current and projected standards for wastewater treatment. The Master Plan includes a financial model which projects the revenue requirements from user fees and Plant Investment Fees (tap fees) that will be necessary to meet future operating and capital financial demands. The Board reviewed the financial model and determined that increases in user fees and plant investment fees are necessary to meet future operating and capital financial requirements.

The new user fees are reflected on the bill for January 2026 service. The amount for customers with automatic ACH payments will be adjusted for the increase. Some customers with ACH payments have paid one month in advance, so their monthly bill reflects a balance due of \$0.00. Those bills will now reflect a balance due of \$10.00 unless you contact the billing department at (970)749-7386 to authorize an additional onetime prepayment of \$10.00 or you may write a check for the \$10.00 amount. If you pay through online banking, please update your payments accordingly.