

Sewer Use By-law

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Hauled Liquid Waste/ Septic Systems



City of Greater Sudbury Sewer Use By-law

Greater Sudbury Council approved an updated Sewer Use By-law and Source Control Program on September 15, 2010. The municipal by-law has three key objectives:

1. Reduce the amount of rainwater and snow melt entering the sanitary sewer collection system to lessen maintenance, operating costs and the potential for by-passes at wastewater treatment plants.
2. Eliminate contaminants from the sanitary sewer system that plug our collection system and/or cannot be adequately treated at wastewater treatment plants.
3. Regulate hauled liquid waste by introducing a septage receiving station at the Sudbury Wastewater Treatment Plant and decommissioning three existing hauled sewage sites.

Impact on residents and businesses

The City of Greater Sudbury's Sewer Use By-law sets limits on waste discharges. The Sewer Use By-law also identifies the proper handling and safe disposal of Hauled Liquid Waste.

Residents and businesses who own a private septic system and utilize a licenced liquid waste hauler to remove waste from their septic system, will be subject to tipping fees.

What is Hauled Liquid Waste

Hauled liquid waste is defined as domestic sewage that is suitable for treatment in a wastewater treatment facility. It includes waste removed from a cesspool, septic tank, privy pit, chemical toilet, portable toilet or sewage holding tank and grey water from residential activities. Sewage from on-board holding tanks (e.g. RVs, tour buses, boats, etc.) is deemed domestic sewage and will be accepted at designated municipal treatment plants.

Where does Hauled Liquid Waste Go?

All licenced liquid waste haulers pump out private septic systems and discharge that liquid waste at the receiving station located on Kelly Lake Rd. This new receiving station was constructed specifically to permit licensed haulers the capability of discharging the liquid waste into the Sudbury Wastewater Treatment Plant. The treated liquid waste is then treated and safely released into the environment.

What are Tipping Fees?

The cost of operating the Receiving Station and treating the liquid waste at the Sudbury Wastewater Treatment Plant is recovered through "tipping fees". The current tipping fee is \$32/m³. Owners of private septic systems will be required to pay this tipping fee to their licenced hauler to have their liquid waste received, properly treated, monitored, and safely released into the environment. Owners of an approved private holding tank septic system may be eligible for a rebate of \$16/m³ due to the lesser resource demand placed upon the CGS treatment facility by this type of liquid waste.



Learn more

To learn more about the City of Greater Sudbury's
Sewer Use By-law:

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Holding Tanks: How Do I Apply for a Rebate?

Private property owners who do not have municipal wastewater services and use a Sewage Holding Tank (not a septic/tile bed system) may apply for the \$16/m³ rebate after they have paid to have their holding tank evacuated by a licensed liquid waste hauler. The applicant will be required to complete the rebate application (located on-line or at Citizen Service Centres) and send the completed form to the City of Greater Sudbury. To be eligible for this rebate you must provide:

- Proof of property ownership where the holding tank is located
- Proof of full payment to licensed liquid waste hauler
- Confirmation from the Sudbury District Health Unit that the holding tank is approved
- Confirmation that the property taxes are paid in full

When Can I Apply for a Rebate?

Rebate applications will be accepted by the City of Greater Sudbury at any time of the year. The deadline for receiving rebate applications for holding tank pump outs must be received by the City on or before the end of February of the following year.

Holding tank information can be found on our website by searching for "rebate form", or by calling 311 and asking for extension 3600.

What are the penalties for non-compliance?

Non-Compliance With the City of Greater Sudbury's Sewer Use By-law: Customers who do not comply with the By-law are liable for a fine of between \$5,000 and \$10,000 per day for a first offence. Corporations are liable for a fine of up to \$50,000 per day for a first offence.

Tipping Fees Examples

Septic System (Field/Tile bed)		
Volume (Imperial Gallons)	Volume (Cubic Meters)	Tipping Fee Applied
500	2.27	\$72.74
600	2.73	\$87.28
800	3.64	\$116.38
1000	4.55	\$145.47
1200	5.46	\$174.57
1500	6.82	\$218.21

Septic Holding Tank System		
Volume (Imperial Gallons)	Volume (Cubic Meters)	Tipping Fee Applied
1000	4.55	\$72.74
2000	9.09	\$145.47