

PINERY PIPELINE NOVEMBER 2025



Please join us at our District Office for our monthly Board Meetings typically held at 6:00pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Our Upcoming Board Meetings will be held at 6:00pm on Wednesday, November 19th and Wednesday, December 17th.

From your Board of Directors

“Improvise, adapt and overcome” is one of the most recognizable phrases of the US Marine Corp. The Pinery Water and Wastewater District staff has had to focus on one of these characteristics – the ability to adapt. For the first time, the Pinery has a significant industrial/commercial development within the District. This presents a potential threat to our water quality and requires us to implement an Industrial Pretreatment Program. This program will prioritize the protection of Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW), the public, worker health and safety, as well as the environment.

Such a program has been unnecessary before now because little industry lies within the District. The lack of industry is one reason so many residents have chosen to move here over the years. Shortly, a King Soopers store, and its associated fuel station, will be constructed within the Pinery near the intersection of North Pinery Parkway and Parker Road. Nine other commercial lots are contained within the development with the potential for a self-storage facility and an auto repair facility, as well as other commercial expansions.

These commercial facilities present potential hazards to our water and wastewater treatment facilities. For example, the Pinery wastewater treatment plant is not designed to treat fats, oils and grease from food service establishments. These pollutants are damaging to our equipment and the microbes the District uses to convert and separate organic material into substances that are harmless to the environment.

Grease control devices must be installed and inspected before any wastewater from food service establishments can be discharged into our sewer systems. These regulations ought to be applied to food trucks as well. Similarly, petroleum oil and grease, and sand cannot be allowed to be discharged directly into our wastewater treatment plant. Interceptors for all these types of pollutants are essential and must meet specific design criteria, before they are installed in any new commercial facilities.

Other considerations currently under review by the Board include the requirement that inspections be conducted with or without notice and any violations found must be corrected. Industrial customers may be required to keep records that demonstrate compliance with the District’s rules and regulations. Violators may be required to pay penalties and may have their permit revoked and their facility closed.

These penalties may seem harsh at first glance, but there have been several documented instances of unauthorized dumping in sewer systems and even into roadside barrow ditches in Douglas County over the years. These incidents, which impact the groundwater quality in our District, are often the result of criminal activity.

Only a few of the rules and regulations under consideration have been listed above, but they are essential to the establishment of the legal authority to implement the pretreatment program. At the end of the day, implementing our wastewater pretreatment program is an arduous task, and it requires the Pinery District to adapt to new challenges. Who knew that a Marine Corp slogan has a real-life applications to the Pinery?



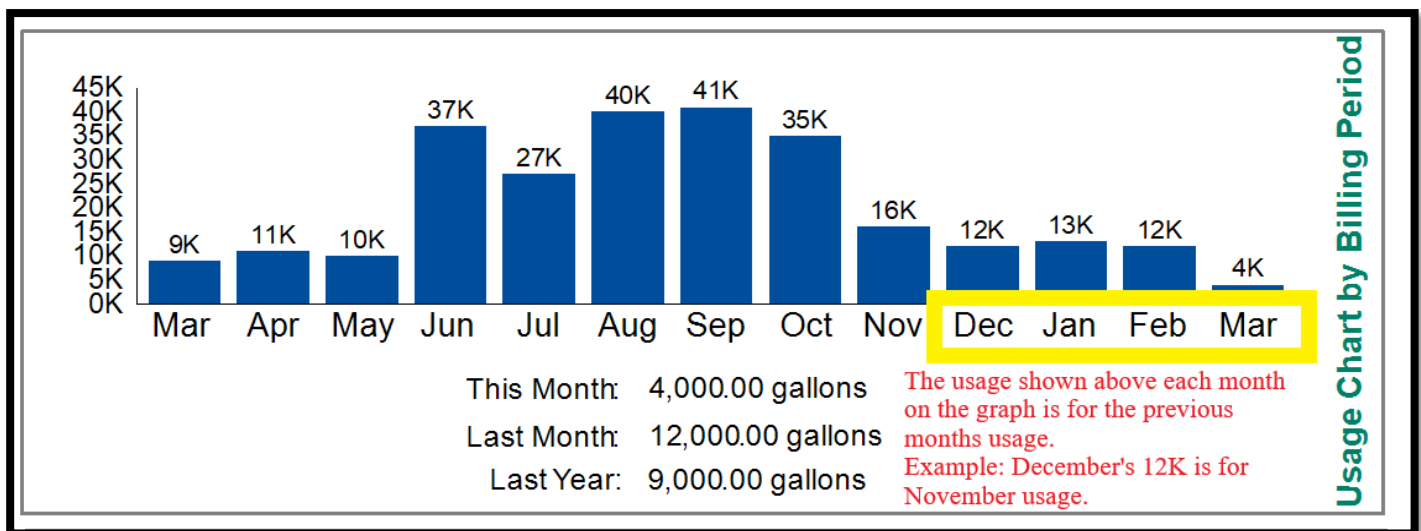
Chuck Hinson, Director, Pinery Water and Wastewater District

CONSERVING WATER

Water conservation is not just meant for the summer months. Conserving water in the winter months helps you as well to save money monthly but also could put you in the lower sewer tier for the next year. In December of 2020 the Board passed a two-tier rate structure for monthly wastewater charges that took effect in 2021. What does that mean for you? Customers who use more water/wastewater services through the winter months will pay a higher rate than those who use less. The process to determine what tier you fall into is explained below.

We will add your November, December, January, and February water usage together and divide that total by 4 to get your average. That average number then determines which tier you fall into. If your average monthly water consumption (AMWC) is 0-5,000 gallons you will be billed \$38.43 each month for wastewater service in 2025. If your AMWC is over 5,001 gallons you will be charged \$56.44 each month for wastewater service in 2025. These rates will be recalculated each year.

If you are looking at the graph on your bill to see where you are at for usage, you will need to look at December-March. The graph shows the billing period, meaning the usage shown above the month is for the previous month. The picture below highlights the months to look at on your bill.



Leaving Town For Winter?

Did you know that the district can temporarily change your mailing address so you will still receive your water bills while you are away? If interested, please reach out to our staff at (303)841-2797 and we would be happy to make this change for you! If you would prefer to go paperless and skip the mailing of paper bills altogether, our office would be happy to set you up for emailed billing as well.

Office Closure

Our office will be closed November 27th and 28th for Thanksgiving. Please call our after-hours line for emergencies, (303)841-2797 ext. 9.

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