



# St. Vrain Sanitation District

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## Board Defers Rate Increase

The Board of Directors of St. Vrain Sanitation District determined during the 2011 budget process that a planned increase in service fees of \$2.00 per month could be deferred for at least one year. This effort was achieved through utilizing fund balance and other funds to support the necessary operational costs of the organization in addition to the ongoing service fees of \$22.00 per month (billed at \$66.00 per quarter) for residential customers. This proposed monthly service fee increase was previously reported to customers in the October 2010 newsletter.

### Collection Line Work to Begin



The collection staff at SVSD is working to develop a comprehensive plan for repairs and upgrades to several sections of our infrastructure during 2011. This will result in the lining or replacement of the district infrastructure and in a few cases may result in residents having to replace their failing service lines from the home or business to the sewer lines that are the SVSD responsibility. The staff will be conducting meetings and information sessions with affected residents and customers in the near future. Watch for additional information by mail to customers who may be impacted.

### Plant Expansion Plans Moving Forward

The St. Vrain Sanitation District Board and Staff are continuing to move forward on the expansion from 3 million gallon a day plant to a 6 million gallon a day plant. We are very close to finishing the design efforts for this project that will double our capacity and cost in the neighborhood of \$28 million dollars. The plant expansion will be bid and construction should begin in late spring of 2011. The plant is located at our current facility off of WCR 26 between WCR 13 and 15.

One of the exciting plans for the new plant will be the opportunity to process and make available to residents Class A biosolids that can be used as fertilizer and soil amendment in home and garden use. There will be more about this opportunity and process in future newsletters. This will help to reduce the amount that must be land applied or hauled to the dump and is environmentally friendly and useful to the community.



## 2011 Annual Payment Option

This year, you have the option of paying **one year in advance** for your sewer service at \$242.00 (this amount includes one month **FREE** of sewer service). Those paying the drainage debt in the old Tri Area system also have the opportunity to pay for their sewer service and drainage debt in full for the year at \$292.40 (this includes one month **FREE** of sewer service). If you should decide to choose the annual payment option, you must pay with the January 2011 1st quarter bill. You can pay by check, credit/debit card online at [www.stsan.com](http://www.stsan.com). A small convenience fee will be charged when making a payment via credit/debit card, however, there are no added fees if paying via electronic check. We also accept checks by mail. If you have any questions, please call (303) 682-4693.

**This annual payment option is for residential customers only.** Commercial and Industrial customers should call St. Vrain Sanitation District at (303) 682-4693 to find out the annual payment amount for your account.