

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE

SPECIAL SEWER SERVICE CHARGE

What is the charge for?

The charge is to pay for the principal and interest on bonds and loans issued to finance the Clean Water Project. The Clean Water Project will separate some of the sanitary and storm sewers in Hartford, construct new treatment facilities to handle large storms, construct storage tunnels for combined storm water and sewage for later treatment and repair and/or replace aging sewer pipes throughout the District to eliminate sewage into bodies of water and buildings. The Project will also reduce nitrogen discharge from our sewage treatment plants, which will clean up the Connecticut River and Long Island Sound.

Who will pay the charge?

All customers served by the MDC's sewer system.

How much is it?

For 2010, the charge is \$1.05 per CCF (CCF is 100 cubic feet of water or about 750 gallons). It will change annually to support the increasing debt for the financing of the required projects of the Clean Water Project. The charge will be adopted annually in the MDC budget process

How is it calculated on my bill?

The charge is calculated based on water consumption. For example, if you used 40 CCF of water in a quarter, the surcharge would be calculated by multiplying 40 CCF x \$1.05 or \$42.00. PLEASE NOTE - For bills issued in the first quarter of the year, the charge will be pro-rated, if some consumption occurred in 2009, prior to the rate increase going into effect, that consumption would be subject to the prior year charge. For example, if you used 40 CCF of water, but 20 CCF was used in 2009, 20 CCF would be subject to the prior year charge of \$.70 and 20 CCF would be subject to the \$1.050 charge, for a total of \$35.00.

Who authorized this charge?

Section 10-1 of the District's Charter, which was created by Special Act of the Connecticut General Assembly, gives the District the power to impose the charge. In November 2006, the voters in the eight District towns approved a referendum authorizing financing for the Clean Water Project. At its regular meeting held on October 1, 2007, the District Board approved an addition to the District's Sewer Ordinances, Section S12x, which established the charge.

Where can I find out more about the Clean Water Project?

Information on the Clean Water Project can be found on the web at www.thecleanwaterproject.com.