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## Meters are Coming!

The majority of owners with developed properties in the meter installation area of the municipal sewer system have been mailed a brochure about mandatory installation of a new meter for local homes, businesses and institutions. The installation for meters was recommended by the Manitoba Water Services Board (MWSB) in order to get the best price possible in anticipation of the wastewater project. To obtain quality pricing the MWSB tendered for installation of meters on the streets in the areas that we expect servicing for in the near future.

These meters will be beneficial because they will ensure:

- Users will only be charged for the amount of wastewater they generate, creating a fairer billing method.
- Users will not have to worry about calling in meter readings, as they will be read electronically, reducing inconvenience levels and potential for error.
- Users will be able to identify if a leak is present, which when addressed, can reduce water usage and financial costs.

The information package, provided by the Municipality and the installer, Neptune Technology Group, includes contact information for people to arrange for an installation time. An appointment time should be booked within two weeks of receiving the brochure and must coincide within a limited installation time frame. There are 779 meters that are required to be installed by Neptune Technology. It is encouraged that you schedule an appointment as soon as possible in order to have a better chance of receiving an available timeslot that works best for you.

For existing residents that are in the approved Local Improvement Districts (LIDs) known as Riverdale, Lister Rapids, Rivercrest and River Springs there will be no charge until such time as the wastewater is diverted from the existing plant to the new pipe going to the City of Winnipeg. The cost for the meter is \$600.00. This charge, as well as a \$1900.00 Utility Buy-In Charge, required by the City of Winnipeg, will be invoiced at that time. For LID residents who have been assessed an estimated LID cost, a final balance for the project will be provided once the project is completed.

For all other residents receiving a meter in the meter installation area there will be no charge until such time as the private service connection on your property is connected to the lateral wastewater line along your street. The cost for the meter is \$600.00. This charge, as well as a \$1900.00 Utility Buy-In Charge, required by the City of Winnipeg, will be invoiced at that time.

Any questions can be directed to the RM website, [www.weststpaul.com](http://www.weststpaul.com) or by phone, 204-338-0306.



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