

Welcome to the Blue Lake Conservancy District!

Welcome to the Blue Lake Conservancy District (BLCD)! You are now part of a larger ecologically based system designed to maintain and beautify Blue Lake, Indiana. All Freeholders (residents and users of the utility) are able to enjoy fishing, boating, swimming and other water activities due to the creation and maintenance of our Utility! Its very existence is to ensure human waste does not end up in our lake!

A conservancy district is governed by Indiana Code Section 14-33 (IC) and details how the BLCD is regulated and operated. As a public utility, it is our obligation to collect usage fees to manage both the infrastructure and operating equipment to process the waste generated. Through a partnership with the Town of Churubusco, documented in an InterLocal Agreement, the BLCD sends liquid waste to the Sewage Treatment Plan owned by the Town for a monthly fee, based on gallons processed.

The BLCD utilizes a gravity-based system supported by grinder pumps situated near homes that liquifies any human waste. Typically, homeowners share a grinder pump with their neighbor and care of the pump is paramount! If either neighbor puts NON-HUMAN WASTE into the system causing grinder pump failure, both homeowners/Freeholders are responsible for the cost, along with a \$35.00 violation fee, unless it can be determined one party is to blame (which is rarely the case).

The ONLY ACCEPTABLE THING to go into your toilet is HUMAN WASTE and regular, paper-based TOILET PAPER, and the only acceptable thing going into the drains is dish/brown water. Please note, ANY other items put into the system can cause problems -- period. The list of prohibited items is too exhaustive and extensive to write. Just note, **HUMAN WASTE, TOILET PAPER, and DISH/BROWN WATER are the only acceptable items for our system!** If other items other than those just mentioned are found in your pump or basin, YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE for the cost of repairs!

Watch for the RED LIGHT! It indicates an urgent issue with your grinder pump and you should IMMEDIATELY call Rick Hamilton, the Maintenance Superintendent of the BLCD at 260-450-4598!

You are required to pay your monthly sewage bill, which is due on the 1st of every month, direct to the BLCD office at the address shown below. Late charges apply to payments received after the due date. Visit our website at www.bluelakeconservancydistrict.com to pay by credit card and for more information about the BLCD.

The BLCD is governed by a Board of Directors, elected to four-year, rotating terms, and has numerous ordinances governing our operation. ***The Board meets Monthly on the first Monday of each month at 7 pm at the Blue Lake Association Building situated at 7491 E 550N, Churubusco (PO Box 174 if mailing correspondence or payments).***

An annual meeting, open to all Freeholders, is held at 2 pm on the 4th Saturday of February, to relay the activities of the BLCD. Each of the Directors, the Finance Clerk, and the Maintenance Supervisor are typically present to answer questions.

We hope you will take your responsibility to care for our beautiful lake seriously! Plan to attend an upcoming meeting of the Conservancy District and visit our website at www.bluelakeconservancydistrict.com Wishing you sunny skies and smooth, beautiful blue water!

Blue Lake Conservancy District Board of Directors