



Newsletter

Summer 2025

Caledonia Utility District

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Meetings

The Caledonia Utility District Commission meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:00 PM. Meetings are held at the Caledonia Village Hall, 5043 Chester Lane, and are open to the public. Agendas are available online at <https://caledonia-wi.gov>.

Utility Bill - Helpful Tips

Help reduce costs by signing up for paperless billing! Receiving your bill via email reduces mailing costs and you'll receive it sooner! Sign up for paperless billing by contacting Janis Frecka, Utility Clerk, at 262-835-6413 or jfrecka@caledonia-wi.gov.

Online bill pay is available by registering for an account on our secure online payment portal. Go to caledonia-wi.gov, click on [Government/Resources/Utility Bill Payments](#)

By registering an account, you can:

1. Pay by checking/ savings/ credit card
 - Checking/Savings include a \$1.10 fee.
 - Credit/Debit include a 3.0% fee. An additional fee of 50¢ is applied for payments below \$100.

2. Set up Auto-Pay

Scan to visit
the payment
portal



Don't Flush Trouble!

Why should you care what gets flushed down your toilet? First, anything other than human waste and toilet paper can do expensive damage to your home's plumbing system. Second, even if the item escapes your home's system, sewage blockages that end up in larger pipes affect the community. More blockages translate to a larger public bill.

Leading the **Do Not Flush** list are **"flushable wipes"**. These "disposable" rags include **personal cleansing wipes, baby wipes, antibacterial cloths, and household or automobile cleaning rags**. These items do not biodegrade as promised. They build up in our system because they don't come apart.

For the same reason, please do not flush tissues, paper towels, or tissue paper. These items are designed to hold together when wet, and that is what they do.

The list could be endless, but please **do not flush cotton balls, swabs, condoms, dental floss, or hazardous waste (paint, medications, motor oil, and gasoline)**.

The City of Racine holds hazardous waste collection events, where Caledonia residents may bring their materials for free disposal. The drop off site is located at 6200 21st Street, and you can find collection dates at cityofracine.org.



Sewer Utility Rate Increase

Beginning in March 2025, you'll see an increase in the sewer rate – from \$170 to \$190, and increasing between 7.55% and 13.16% annually over the next five years. Why the increase? It's all about making essential improvements that benefit you and the entire Caledonia community:

Upgrading Aging Infrastructure

- We're investing in improvements to the sanitary sewer system to ensure it remains safe, reliable, and efficient for years to come.

Reducing Infiltration & Inflow

- Excess rainwater and groundwater entering our system puts a major strain on operations. Controlling this keeps the system running smoothly and helps prevent costly backups and overflows.

Avoiding Flow Restrictions from Racine

- By managing and reducing peak sewer flows, we can avoid being placed under a moratorium by the City of Racine – which could limit our ability to approve new developments and serve future growth.

We understand rate increases are never easy. That's why we're committed to being transparent, proactive, and responsible with every dollar. These changes will help us meet environmental standards, protect our community, and support future generations.

Have questions? Reach out to the Utility District – we're here to help.

To report a utility emergency (e.g., no water, broken water main, sewer overflow, blockage), or if your problem requires immediate attention, call 262- 939-3409



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Project Updates

Riverbend Lift Station Safety Site & Forcemain Upgrade

The Caledonia Utility District is currently working on a Facility Plan to upgrade the Safety Site and Forcemain at the Riverbend Lift Station. The Riverbend Lift Station was built in 1987. A Facility Plan reviews the Lift Stations current condition, operating capacity, future sewer flows, and reviews alternatives for upgrades and improvements. The Facility Plan is proposed to be submitted to the DNR in 2025 for approval. If approved, the Utility is looking to design and construct improvements starting in 2026.

Central Lift Station Attenuation Basin

The Caledonia Utility District is currently designing the Central Lift Station Attenuation Basin. The Attenuation Basin will allow the Utility District to store wet weather flow from Infiltration and Inflow (I & I) and also allow the Utility District to stay within its contractual discharge limits of the Racine Area Intergovernmental Sanitary Sewer Service, Revenue Sharing, Cooperation and Settlement Agreement dated April 25, 2002. The Utility is looking to finalize the design in 2025 and begin the construction of the basin in 2026.

TID #4 Elevated Storage Tank & Adams Road Watermain

The Caledonia Utility District is assisting the Village with the construction of an elevated storage tank (Water Tower) in the I94 corridor. The water tower will hold up to 750,000 gallons of water, be a temporary secondary water supply in case the 16" watermain feed from the Racine Water Utility would happen to be interrupted, and provide additional water pressure for fire suppression systems. The water tower is currently under construction and is proposed to be in service in August of 2026.

Annual Sanitary Sewer Cleaning

The Caledonia Utility District has begun its Annual Sanitary Sewer Cleaning for 2025. Each year the Utility cleans approximately 20% of the entire 173.7-mile sanitary sewer system. This year's cleaning will take place in the Caddy Vista Area, Crestview Area, Tabor Woods Area, I94 / Highway K area, and areas East of Erie Street within the Village of Caledonia.

Oil Collection

Village of Caledonia residents can dispose of used oil **free** of charge. The collection site is located at 6900 Nicholson Rd. The hours of operation for oil collection are Wednesday 1:30pm - 7:00pm, Saturday 10:00am - 4:00pm, and Sunday 11:00am - 5:00pm from the last Wednesday in March to the last Sunday in November. See the Yard Waste Site attendant for the Key to access the collection area. ***Do not pour motor oil or any other automotive fluids down drains, sewers or onto the ground.***

Yard Waste Site

- **Location:** 6900 Nicholson Rd
- **No Contractors:** Must be a Village resident, picture ID is required.
- **Hours:** Opens last Wednesday in March and closes last Sunday in November.
Wednesday: 1:30pm - 7:00pm
Saturday: 10:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday: 11:00am - 5:00pm

Burning Regulations

- Open Burning for "Yard Waste" on one (1) and two (2) family residential properties is allowed in Caledonia.
- Same day approval is possible for Open Burning if weather permits. Call the Caledonia Fire Department burning permit line 262-835-4357 for approval.
- Recreational, ceremonial and cooking fires have no time limit and do not need approval, depending on weather conditions.

Garbage and Recycling

- The Village of Caledonia contracts with John's Disposal for its garbage and recycling collection.
- Garbage is collected every week and Recycling is collected every other week.
- Residents gets 4 free special pick-ups per year with the current contracted services.

Contact: John's Disposal may be contacted at 262-473-4700 or office@johnsdisposal.com



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