



## CLEARWATER RIVER WATERSHED DISTRICT

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### Notice: MPCA requiring CRWD to initiate a nitrogen mitigation and analysis plan for Clearwater Harbor and Hidden River Sewer Systems

The MPCA permit for the Clearwater Harbor and Hidden River Sewer Systems will expire next month. Because of new standards, renewal of the permit by MPCA will require the Clearwater River Watershed District (CRWD) to develop and implement a nitrogen mitigation and analysis plan for these two systems, due to high nitrogen levels in one of the groundwater monitoring wells near the system. The plan is currently underway.

What does this mean for the property owners of the two sewer systems? It means there is the potential the MPCA will require the District to implement additional treatment to lower the nitrogen content before discharging to the ground. Necessary steps will be evaluated through the planning process required by the MPCA.

One of the ways you can help is to ensure your property is only discharging normal residential sewage to the sewer systems. Any other source of water is not allowed, and can damage the sewer systems. This includes sump pumps and geothermal units. Please reroute such discharges to another location, such as your lawn.

The Board of Managers of the Clearwater River Watershed District will continue to discuss this issue at their next set of meetings. If you have any questions, please contact the District office at the number listed above.

For the Board,

Dennis Loewen  
Administrator