

Telluride Regional WWTP SEPTAGE POLICY

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Overview

The TRWWTP has been receiving septage and raw sewage for many years and would like to continue to do so into the future. We are working diligently in hope that our region can continue to be served, however, this privilege may not always be extended due to increasing constraints on the system due to local growth, events, and new regulations.

The TRWWTP receives over 250,000 gallons of septage each year. Portable toilet waste, bus waste, and RV waste are considered septage, as is the waste pumped from domestic septic tanks. As a high strength waste, septage and raw sewage can shock load the plant and upset plant performance. Haulers discharge into a manhole just outside the plant, which is connected directly to the treatment works with no attenuation of flows. It therefore helps plant operations to plan ahead so they can control how and when septage is discharged to the plant headworks. The Operating Guidelines below will help to do this until a septage receiving station is constructed. So please, help us continue to serve you.

Operating Guidelines

Mandatory Call to the TRWWTP Prior to Dumping – 970.728.3072

Septic Haulers MUST call the TRWWTP prior to dumping. It is preferred that Septic Hauler arrange a routine dumping schedule in advance, rather than calling each time our service is needed. Operating hours are 8 am – 4 pm. This will (1) ensure that someone is on site to gather fees; (2) ensure oversight compliance; and (3) circumvent any problems that might occur if the plant is not operating well at the time proposed, and/or enable sufficient time for plant operators to “prepare the plant” for a septage dump.

Black Out Dates

The following dates are typically problematic for the TRWWTP to accept septage due to events in the immediate region. Therefore, the TRWWTP will not typically accept loads from haulers not associated with those events. Emergency situations can typically be accommodated, but please call first.

June 15 through July 5.

December 20 through January 10

Town Holidays: July 4, Martin Luther King Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving Weekend

Fees (2023)

Fees may be paid by cash, check, or credit card in person at the TRWWTP at the time of dumping. All fees are based on the cost to treat. Total payment for per gallon fees is based on truck capacity.

RV Dump Fees	\$22.13
Tour Bus Dump Fees	\$22.13
Septic Truck & Raw Sewage Dump Fees ...	\$0.23/gallon
Port-o-potty Haul Companies*	\$0.08/gallon
Carpet Cleaning Waste	\$0.08/gallon

**Port-o-john companies that haul for the following festivals must obtain a separate contract with the Town of Telluride: Telluride Bluegrass Festival, The Ride Festival, and Telluride Blues and Brews Festival.*