Where your sewer dollar goes



Metropolitan Council Environmental Services (MCES)

MCES operates and maintains the wastewater collection and treatment system that processes about 250 million gallons of wastewater every day from more than two million residents in 110 communities across the Twin Cities metropolitan region. Wastewater is conveyed to treatment plants through 600 miles of large interceptor sewer pipes that collect the flow from local municipal sewers.

Infrastructure Construction

Replacement and system improvement of sanitary infrastructure to help guarantee a continuous working system now and into the future. Some pipes within the city are well over 100 years old. 830 miles of sanitary sewers and 31 miles of sanitary main and interceptor tunnels are all working in conjunction under Minneapolis streets. This infrastructure helps to safely move sewage to be properly treated.

Operations/Maintenance & Engineering

Operation, maintenance and engineering of the sanitary system, including pipes, pumps, lift stations, manholes and other infrastructure.

Debt Service

Principal and interest payments on bonds and notes used to finance sanitary infrastructure improvements.

Administration including Utility Billing & Customer Service

Utility management, special projects, and business support services. Includes services provided by city departments to the Surface Water & Sewers Division.