District Service Facts

- **Number of people served:** 440,000
- **Square miles served:** 190 square miles
- **Average annual gallons treated per day**: 38 million gallons/day
- **Approximate time to treat wastewater:** 28 hours (from Headworks to disinfection)
- **Annual quantity of wastewater received:** 14 billion gallons (2025)
- **Total miles of sewer pipes**: 151 miles
    - **By type, that includes**:
        - **Gravity sewers (interceptors):** 101 miles
        - **Raw wastewater force mains:** 35 miles
        - **Effluent force mains:** 15 miles
- **Number of District-owned pumping stations:** 18
- **Number of non-District pumping stations we service:** 48 (includes City of Madison storm water pumping station on N. Park Street)
- **Number of customer communities served:** 24
- **Customer community breakdown:**
    - 5 cities
    - 8 villages
    - 11 sanitary/utility districts
        - See online map for list of communities

Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District operates and maintains a regional system of large sewer pipes that collect wastewater from 24 customer communities (see above). The individual communities manage their own local sewer systems, which feed into the District's system.

The District is a municipal corporation, which is a special form of government, and operates as a public utility. It is separate from the City of Madison, which is the District's largest customer community.

The District is wastewater only. It does not handle drinking water or stormwater.

Please use District instead of MMSD on second reference to avoid confusion with the Madison school district and Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District.

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