

BEN DAVIS CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

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To Whom it May Concern:

On March 23, 2020, Governor Eric J. Holcomb issued several Executive Orders in response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 Epidemic (“COVID-19”). Among those was Executive Order 20-08, Directive For Hoosiers to Stay at Home.

The Ben Davis Conservancy District (“BDCD”) provides sanitary sewer service to citizens within our district. Please note that pursuant to Executive Order 20-08, paragraph 11, the operation and maintenance of utilities, including sewer service, is considered “Essential Infrastructure.” Paragraph 11 specifically notes that “For purposes of this Executive Order, individuals may leave their homes and residences in order to provide any services or perform any work necessary to offer, provision, operate, maintain, or repair Essential Infrastructure.” Essential Infrastructure is one of the categories of “Essential Businesses and Operations” listed in Paragraph 14 of the Governor’s Executive Order 20-08. Essential Businesses and Operations are noted to be “categorically exempt” from the Governor’s Order to Stay at Home (see Paragraph 12 of Executive Order 20-08).

We take the health and wellbeing of all Hoosiers seriously and want to do our part to stop the spread of COVID-19. This must be also be balanced with our continued commitment to providing sanitary sewer service to the Ben Davis Conservancy Community. You may see Ben Davis Conservancy District trucks in your neighborhood. As explained above, these employees are providing services related to the operation, maintenance, and repair of “Essential Infrastructure” and are not in violation of the Governor’s Order. In addition, our business office will continue operating as this essential for the continued ability of the Ben Davis Conservancy District to provide sewer service. These employees are also not in violation of the Governor’s Order. However, to protect the health and safety of our employees and BDCD Customers, the business office will be closed to the public. Further, all employees, including those in the office and those working in the community, will continue to adhere to the Social Distancing Requirements noted by Governor Holcomb in his Executive Order 20-08 and all CDC Recommendations.

We will continue accepting and processing payments for sewer service during this time.

- To make a payment online, go to <https://bdconservancy.com/pay-bill-online/>
- Payment by checks or money order may be mailed to the Ben Davis Conservancy District, 703 S. Tibbs Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46241 or placed in the Dropbox located on the side of the building (under the window on the handicap ramp)
- If you choose to pay by cash, please attach an account number with the cash.
Please note: The BDCD does not keep cash on hand. All surplus cash will be applied to your account as a credit.
- If you are using the Dropbox and would like a receipt during normal business hours, please place the payment in the Dropbox and then call (317) 241-2787 to receive a receipt.

Please note that our hours may change as necessary during this time. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

We are committed to complying with the Governor's Orders to protect the health and wellbeing of both our employees and customers. Should you have any questions or believe that the BDCD is in violation of any order, please contact Jennifer M. Hess, attorney for the Ben Davis Conservancy District on her cell phone at 317-402-3543.

Very truly yours,

ANGELA WIRTH
Secretary/Financial Officer of the
Ben Davis Conservancy District