

INFORMATION REGARDING LEACHATE TREATMENT:

The Southeast Berrien County Landfill (SEBCL) currently pays all of the cost associated with leachate treatment.

The City adopted a Sewer Use Ordinance and building the new Sewer Surcharge Schedules were completed with the intention of ensuring the SEBCL was paying what they should be.

The current billing system Buchanan has for the Landfill includes a base wastewater rate that applies to all Township wastewater users, plus surcharge rates based on the loadings of the leachate that is discharged to our system.

The SEBCL is permitted as an industrial user by the City. Their individual industrial discharge permit provides the structures of how their discharges are tested and monitored. That data is used to develop monthly surcharges.