



## **Trophy Club MUD Fact Sheet**

### ***What is a MUD?***

A Municipal Utility District, or MUD, is a political subdivision authorized by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to provide water, sewage, drainage and other services within the MUD's boundaries. The Trophy Club MUD focuses on supplying water, treating wastewater and providing fire protection to the town of Trophy Club and parts of Solana in Westlake.

### ***How many MUDs are in Texas?***

Texas has 876 active MUDs.

### ***What is the history of MUDs in Texas?***

The Texas Constitution was amended to allow establishment of water districts in the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Modern-day MUDs were permitted in 1971 through passage of Chapters 49 and 54 of the Texas Water Code.

### ***What are the advantages of a MUD?***

MUDs enjoy having more flexibility than city-run utilities because residents have a better sense of who is running a MUD—their friends, neighbors and colleagues—and have more input regarding the cost and expansion of services.

### ***What is the tax rate for Trophy Club MUD?***

The tax rate (per \$100 valuation) is \$.17500. Taxes combined (per \$100 valuation) are \$2.72087 for Tarrant County and \$2.35736 for Denton County.



***What are the utility rates for Trophy Club MUD customers?***

The minimum charge each month is \$46.28. Below is a summary of monthly utility rates and charges for MUD customers.

Water

The administrative fee for water service each month, without water usage, is \$12.71. Water usage is billed in thousands of gallons on a tiered-rate schedule.

- 0 – 6,000 gallons (\$2.50/1000 gallons)
- 7,000 – 17,000 gallons (\$3.05/1000 gallons)
- 18,000 – 25,000 gallons (\$3.30/1000 gallons)
- 26,000 – 50,000 gallons (\$3.40/1000 gallons)
- 51,000 and up (\$3.50/1000 gallons)

Sewer

The administrative fee for sewer service each month, without sewer usage, is \$12.71. Sewer usage is billed in thousands of gallons as follows:

- 0 – 12,000 gallons (\$2.50/1000 gallons)
- Sewer usage caps off at 12,000 gallons

Other Monthly Charges

- Storm drainage assessment (\$6.00/month for residential and commercial properties based on a calculation of the impervious surface)
- Trash pick-up with curbside recycling (\$14.87/month)

***How does Trophy Club MUD's rates compare with other service providers in the Trophy Club area?***

Trophy Club MUD provides water, wastewater and fire protection for its customers at a lower rate than the surrounding areas of Westlake, Roanoke, Southlake, Justin, Grapevine and Keller.

***What is Trophy Club MUD's bond rating?***

Trophy Club MUD has an AA bond rating.

***What is Trophy Club MUD's average daily water consumption?***

Trophy Club MUD operates a state-of-the-art wastewater treatment plant with a maximum flow rate of 1.75 million gallons per day.



***What is the source of Trophy Club MUD's water?***

Trophy Club MUD purchases 80 to 100 percent of its water from the City of Fort Worth. Additionally, it supplements the surface water purchased from the City of Fort Worth with groundwater pumped from four wells located around Trophy Club. Three wells pump from the Paluxy Aquifer and one well pumps from the Trinity Aquifer.

***Is Trophy Club MUD's water safe?***

Trophy Club MUD has earned a Superior Public Water System rating from TCEQ.

***Who oversees Trophy Club MUD?***

A five-member, unpaid, elected board of directors sets policies, establishes service rates, approves major operating expenditures and authorizes all capital expenditures. Additionally, the district manager oversees the day-to-day operations of Trophy Club MUD.

***How are Trophy Club MUD board members chosen?***

The volunteer directors are elected to four-year terms in May of each even-numbered year.

***Who runs day-to-day operations of Trophy Club MUD?***

Jennifer McKnight is the Trophy Club MUD District Manager and oversees the day-to-day operations of the administration side of Trophy Club MUD's services. Additionally, MUD employees work daily in the water department, the wastewater department, the water treatment plant and the utility billings department.

***When does the Trophy Club MUD Board of Directors meet?***

The Trophy Club MUD Board of Directors holds regular meetings on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

***Where are board meetings held?***

In the Svore Municipal Building at 100 Municipal Drive in Trophy Club.



***Who can attend Trophy Club MUD board meetings?***

Every regular meeting allots time for public comments, and the public is welcome to attend.

***Does a government agency regulate Trophy Club MUD?***

Yes, the TCEQ regulates Trophy Club MUD, as with all other MUDs in Texas.

***What is TCEQ?***

TCEQ is our state's version of the federal Environmental Protection Agency. It strives to protect our state's human and natural resources consistent with sustainable economic development. The state agency's goal is clean air, clean water and safe management of waste. For more information, visit [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us).

***How can I get more information about Trophy Club MUD?***

Please call Trophy Club MUD at (682) 831-4600 or visit [www.tcmud.org](http://www.tcmud.org)