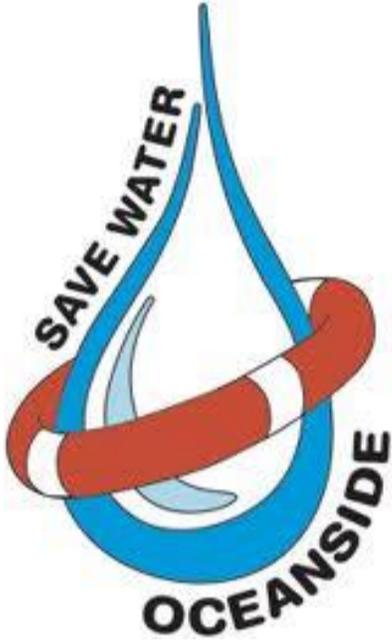


WATER UTILITIES NEWS

Winter Quarter Average Sewer Flow Calculations Now Taking Place

Winter is just around the corner, and water conservation is as important as ever. Be on the lookout for leaky faucets, running toilets, and untimely irrigation schedules. Being water-wise now means savings in the future.



Calculation of the sewer flow charge is dependent on customer classification. For Single-Family Residential accounts, the charge is based on a Winter Quarter Average (WQA). The WQA uses the total amount of water consumed during the service periods ending in January, February and March, along with the total number of days for that same 3-month period. The reason for using those billing periods is that during the winter months, outside irrigation is reduced, so that most of the water used is impacting the sewer system. This method encourages conservation and gives the customer a chance to reduce their sewer charge.

Service periods vary, based on the area of the city where a property is located and the corresponding read cycle that is assigned for the monthly meter reading. We have 17 cycles in the City of Oceanside, and our field staff reads every meter at approximately the same time every month.

Since the service period ends when the meter is read for the current billing, the WQA calculation period actually begins in December. An example of service periods ending in January, February and March would be:

December 5, 2013 – January 7, 2014	(JANUARY)
January 7, 2014 – February 5, 2014	(FEBRUARY)
February 5, 2014 – March 7, 2014	(MARCH)

Efficient Clothes Washers Save Cash and Water

According to the EPA, the average American family washes about 300 loads of laundry each year. ENERGY STAR certified clothes washers use about 20% less energy and 35% less water than regular washers, saving 27,000 gallons of water over the lifetime of the machine. Rebates are currently available from bewater-wise.com and SDG&E on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, and a link to a list of qualifying products, click [HERE](#).



Free Surveys Help You Save Water

Finding leaks and other water wasting practices can be difficult to do for the busy Oceanside resident and business. You can overcome that obstacle to saving money and water by taking advantage of a **FREE** water survey. Surveys are conducted at your property by an independent professional and are funded 50% by the City of Oceanside and 50% by the San Diego County Water Authority. A written checklist of recommendations is provided at the conclusion of the one-hour survey. You are under no obligation to implement any recommendations, and there are no sales solicitations. To schedule a survey, call Mission Resource Conservation District at **866-883-1332** to schedule a time that is convenient for you.

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Survey!



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