

Get Wet...And Be Cool This Summer!

Did you know that you can enjoy watering your lawn, washing your car, filling your pool, and other water-related activities all summer long and pay only for the water you use? There will be no additional sewer charges. Your sewer charges year round are calculated on your winter use. We have prepared this brochure to better explain how water and sewer charges are determined and how they differ seasonally.

Sewer charges are based on water usage as measured by your water meter. Many customers use more water during the warmer months than in the winter. Much of this additional usage (water used for swimming pools, lawn watering, car washing, etc.) never enters the sewer system.

Since the 1970's, three winter months are used as a basis for determining your sewer charges for the rest of the year, in order to more accurately measure your actual sewer usage. This only applies to one and two-family residences. The winter usage period is based on the billing quarter (91 days) that ends in February, March or April.

(For example, if your billing period ends in February, then your winter quarter usage would be based on December, January and February water usage.)

New accounts with no prior winter history are billed a maximum default consumption for sewer of 25 CCF per quarter for one-family residences or 35 CCF per quarter for two-family residences, until a new winter quarter is established.

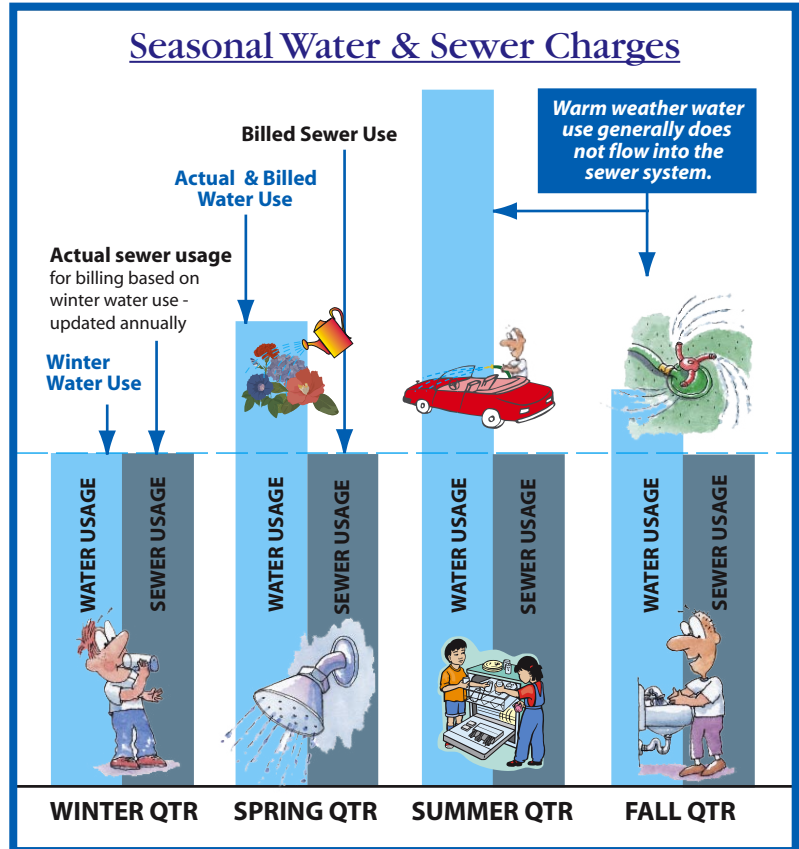
Common Questions & Answers:

Why is my water use during the winter used to determine sewer charges?

Generally your winter water use includes laundry, bathing, cooking, cleaning, etc. These things are done year round and this water generally enters the sewer system. Therefore this water use is used to establish your base sewer usage for the year.

How do I benefit from this billing method?

Whenever you water your lawn, wash your car, or fill your pool, you pay only for the water. You do not pay sewer charges on water you use in excess of your winter use. You still pay sewer charges on the water you use for bathing, laundry and other year-round water uses.



No matter how much water you use in the warmer months, your sewer charges will be based on winter usage.

What if my billing period is not exactly 91 days?

For billing periods of more or less than 91 days, the calculations are based on the actual number of days in each billing cycle.

What If I use less water during a summer quarter than in the winter quarter?

Your sewer charges will be based on the lesser amount.

What if my winter water use changes from year to year?

A new winter sewer usage rate is calculated each year for one and two-family residences.

The usage chart above shows my water and sewer usage equal in the winter, but my water charges are actually much lower!

Water rates are actually much lower than sewer rates on a per cubic foot basis. The chart above simply shows usage, not charges.