

# ANNUAL SEWER RATE RESETS

## It's time to Conserve Water!!

Conserving water from October 1<sup>st</sup> through mid-March will help keep your water bills as low as possible, and may even reduce your bills for the upcoming year.



### In summary:

Sewer service is billed at a flat amount that doesn't change based on the amount used during a given billing period. This flat rate is set annually for each account based on the average amount of water used during the winter months.

Sewer (wastewater) volume is measured separately from water consumption. The sewer volume in units is determined annually using your average water consumption of two measurable meter readings taken on or after October 1st of each year.

Once the sewer volume is determined, you will be billed the same sewer volume charge each bi-monthly billing cycle, even if your water usage is different than the sewer volume amount.

The City of Keizer conducts its annual sewer resets in February through March, based on your winter water usage. **The sewer consumption rate (wastewater volume rate) for each account is calculated using the average of two (2) water meter read periods after October 1st.**

## Here's how this can save you money!

### Example:

Customer's current sewer rate is set at 17 units as a result of the prior year's annual reset. As seen in the example, this customer used three (3) units less water during this reset period than this time last year.

In this example, the cost of sewer at \$3.94 per unit, **\$11.82 will be saved each bi-monthly billing for this customer.**

Even 1 unit (748 gallons) of water can make a difference!

◆ *Using additional water during the winter can also cause your sewer rate to increase significantly.* ◆

SEWER RATES:		WATER CONSUMPTION:
<u>Year</u>	<u>Rate</u>	Year 2019
2015	18	Nov/Dec: 17 units
2016	21	
2017	19	Year 2020
2018	19	Jan/Feb: 12 units
<b>2019</b>	<b>17</b>	

### CALCULATION:

The average of the two water meter readings is 14:

$$16 + 12 = 28$$

$$\frac{28}{2} = 14 \rightarrow \text{New Winter Average/Sewer Rate}$$



This customer's winter average will be reset from 17 to 14 units for year 2020.