

OOTISCHENIA IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT



"Our Mission is To Provide Safe Potable Drinking Water"

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Chlorine flush

Chlorine system flushing will begin on April 7, 2025 and will be completed no later than April 28, 2025. Chlorine flushing is done in the Spring and Fall of every year as a requirement of Interior Health and plays an important role in keeping Ootischenia water free from continuous chlorine treatment.

Taxes and Tolls

Tax and tolls invoices will be mailed in February. In order to receive the discounted rate shown on your invoice, payment must be received no later than our office closure on April 30, 2025. After April 30, 2025 the discounts shown on the invoice will no longer apply. **Please remember your invoice is not payable at any bank, and it is unrelated to property taxes.** Office hours are 10:00am to 3:30pm Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Continuing Drought Conditions

The current water level in our aquifer is equal to the level at this time in 2024. This level is 4% lower than the same time in 2023. The level of snow pack in early spring will largely determine how much recharge our aquifer receives. It remains unknown what this value will be, therefore, all outdoor water use, including sprinkling will be regulated based on aquifer levels after spring recharge. It is the intent of the OID to begin irrigation season at Stage 1 of sprinkling regulations. If at any time aquifer levels are not adequate, outdoor water may be further restricted. **Please consult with the OID before planting new lawn or ordering new turf.** Permits are required to deviate from regular sprinkling regulations. Permits for extra water may not be approved if outdoor water is, or will be further restricted. As always, the OID encourages residents to plant drought resistant organics regardless of current conditions.

General Information

From January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 the OID pumped and delivered a total of **139,058,100** US gallons of water compared to 139,049,200 in 2023. For each of our 498 active connections that equals a yearly average per home of 279,233 US gallons, a monthly average of 23,269 US gallons and a daily average of 765 US gallons. The lowest monthly average consumption per day was in December with 223 US gallons per connection. The highest monthly average consumption per day was in July with 1,881 US gallons per connection. The consumption rate was 8.4 times higher in July than it was in December.

OID by-laws state that the property owner is responsible for keeping the isolation valve to their property free of debris and cover. This is very important. If we cannot find your valve in an emergency, severe damage could occur to your home. If you do not know where your isolation valve is, contact the OID and we may be able to help you locate it.

Annual General Meeting and election of Trustees

The Annual General Meeting will take place on April 23, 2025 at 7pm at the Ootischenia Hall. During the AGM, there will be an election to fill two (2) Trustee position. Each position is for a three-year period. All persons interested in running for a Trustee position must submit nomination documents no later than April 9, 2023. Nomination forms may be picked up at the OID office Tuesday or Thursday between 10am and 4pm, or on the website www.ootischenia.com

Residential Information

Does your home have a suite or apartment?

OID staff are continuously monitoring water consumption based on both the number of persons using water, as well as the number of residential units that are supplied with water. Accurately knowing how many residential units there are within the OID provides us with a good understanding of water consumption per residential unit compared to National and Provincial averages. This information can then be used when accessing funding for distribution system improvements and to better understand water demand for domestic (in home) purposes.

Please provide the OID with current information so we may serve you better. If you have a multi-family residence, please provide information for each residential unit. Contact information of rental tenants will only be used in case of emergency.

Please provide relevant information

Address of the residence-

Name of owner-

Phone number of owner-

Email address of owner-

Name of tenant if unit is a rental-

Phone number of tenant-

Email address of tenant-

How many people live in this residence-

Are there secondary suites or apartments at this property?

Suite/apartment 1

Tenants name-

Tenants phone number-

Tenants email address-

Suite/apartment 2

Tenants name-

Tenants phone number-

Tenants email address-

Please return this form with your updated information to the OID office or by email at oidwater@ootischema.com. You may also complete this form on our website at www.ootischema.com . Select the "Forms" tab, then "Residential Information"