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 15, 2024 and will be completed no later than April 28, 2024. 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 have been sent out. In order to receive the discounted rate shown on your invoice, payment must be received no later than April 30, 2024. After April 30, 2024 the discounts shown on the invoice no longer apply.

Continuing Drought Conditions

British Columbia continues to be affected by severe drought. As of February 1, 2024 the West Kootenay region had a snow pack of only 57% of normal. The snow pack for February 1, 2023 was 93% of normal. The lack of snow available to recharge the aquifers that provide our drinking water has placed the OID water supply in a significantly weaker position to start the year than in the past.
Should these conditions continue, it is very possible that the outdoor use of OID water will be greatly reduced. Please consider this possibility when purchasing items that would need regular irrigation. The first priority of water use is for domestic purposes inside of the home.

General Information

From January 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023 the OID pumped and delivered a total of **139,049,200** gallons of water compared to 118,939,980 in 2022. For each of our 491 active connections that equals a yearly average per home of 283,196 gallons, a monthly average of 23,600 gallons and a daily average of 776 gallons. The lowest monthly average consumption per day was in November with 236 gallons per connection. The highest monthly average consumption per day was in July with 2,022 gallons per connection. The consumption rate was 8.6 times higher in July than it was in November. **Note: In July of 2023, monitoring of irrigation compliance identified significant abuse of water privileges for irrigation purposes. More than 70 violation notices were issued resulting in an immediate and significant reduction of water consumption.**

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.
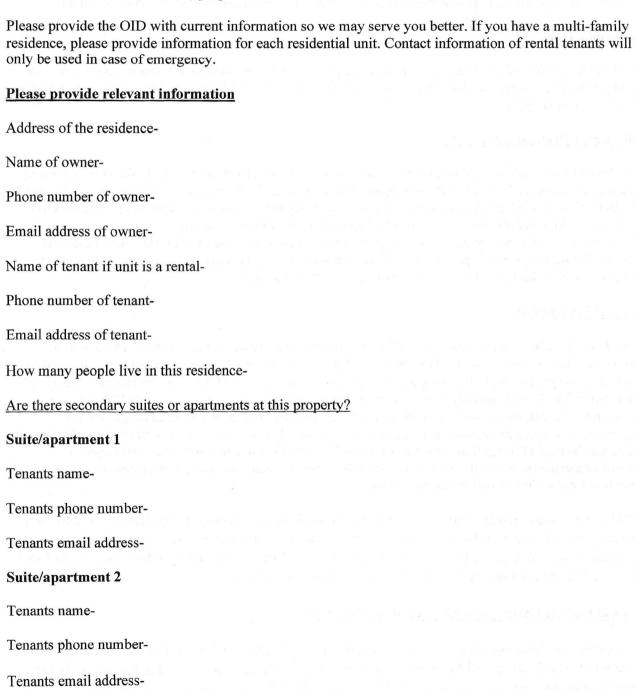
Annual General Meeting and election of Trustees

The Annual General Meeting will take place on April 25, 2023 at 7pm at the Ootischenia Hall. During the AGM, there will be an election to fill one (1) 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 11, 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@ootischenia.com. You may also complete this form on our website at www.ootischenia.com . Select the "Forms" tab, then "Residential Information"