

Tips to Lower Sewer Bill

The “Winter Months” method will not always yield the lowest bill; however, for many households, water usage tends to be higher from May to October when irrigation systems are operational and pools are being filled. With this in mind, here are some tips to reduce water usage and your sewer bill:

- Refrain from turning on irrigation systems **before mid-April and winterize the system by mid-October** (remember that the “[Winter Months](#)” calculation does not factor in use from May through October).
- Inspect your sinks, toilets, refrigerators, dishwashers, washing machines, hot water tanks, irrigation systems, hose spigots, and other plumbing or fixtures for leaks. Useful link: [American Water Leak Detection Kit](#)
- Check your water meter once water use stops and again one hour after for reading changes. If you notice an increase, you may have leaks.
- Run dishwashers and washing machines with full loads. If available, use a water-saving cycle.
- Consider upgrading appliances with water-conserving or EPA WaterSense-compliant appliances.
- Consider using low-flow faucet aerators, water-saving showerheads, and water-efficient toilets.
- Don’t waste water, shut off faucets and garden hoses when not in use