

New Sewer Rates*

(Effective with bills mailed January 1, 2026)

The following sewer rates were approved by the Otay Water District Board of Directors.

Residential Sewer Rates

Residential customers are billed based on the average of their winter average consumption from the previous three (3) years. The winter average is defined as units of water billed from January through April of the previous year divided by four. This average is then reduced by 21% as an acknowledgement that not all water purchased goes through the sewer system. The sewer calculation is as follows:

$$((\text{Winter Average} \times .79) \times \text{Usage Fee}) + \text{Monthly System Fee}$$

2026 Usage Fee = \$3.92

2026 Monthly System Fee

¾" Meter = \$19.87

1" Meter = \$19.87

Customers who are new to the District and have not established a Winter Average will be billed based on the District average of 9.5 HCF. The District sets a maximum Winter Average of 30 HCF (which has already been reduced by the 21% discount).

Multi-Residential Sewer Rates

Multi-Residential customers are billed based on the average of their winter average consumption from the previous three (3) years. The Winter Average is defined as units of water billed from January through April of the previous year divided by four. This average is then reduced by 12% as an acknowledgement that not all water purchased goes through the sewer system. The sewer calculation is as follows:

$$((\text{Winter Average} \times .88) \times \text{Usage Fee}) + \text{Monthly System Fee}$$

2026 Usage Fee = \$3.92

Meter Size	2026 Monthly System Fee
¾"	\$21.60
1"	\$33.32
1 ½"	\$62.60
2"	\$97.74
3"	\$209.02
4"	\$373.02
6"	\$823.99
8"	\$1,409.68
10"	\$2,229.65

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Commercial Sewer Rates

Commercial customers are billed based on the customer's average annual consumption, meter size and strength factor. The sewer calculation is as follows:

$$(\text{Average Annual Consumption} \times \text{Usage Fee}) + \text{Monthly System Fee}$$

2026 Usage Fee

Low Strength = \$3.35

Medium Strength = \$4.73

High Strength = \$7.46

Meter Size	2026 Monthly System Fee
3/4"	\$21.60
1"	\$33.32
1 1/2"	\$62.60
2"	\$97.74
3"	\$209.02
4"	\$373.02
6"	\$823.99
8"	\$1,409.68
10"	\$2,229.65

The District is required to determine sewer rates in accordance with the State's Revenue Program Guidelines. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) has grouped commercial customers into various categories and has identified Strength Factors for each of these business categories. The standard of measure for Strength Factors is the typical sewer strength of a single-family residence (SFR). The Strength Factors established by the SWRCB are listed below and are used by the District in the calculation of commercial sewer rates. These factors are in terms of the strength relative to a SRF, with a SFR having a strength factor of 1.

Description	Strength Factor
Schools	1.00
Churches	1.00
Low Strength Commercial	1.00
Medium Strength Commercial	2.00
High Strength Commercial	4.00

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