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SEWER RATE WINTER AVERAGING

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As a reminder to our customers, the City of La Grange will once again be doing the Winter Averaging of sewer rates. This will be based on your water consumption used during the months of December, January, & February. We will add the total amount of water consumption used during these months and divide by three. Each customer's sewer bill will then be calculated on this amount for the next twelve months. Remember, if you have a leak, please repair it quickly, otherwise your sewer bill will be high for twelve months.

Usage from sprinkler systems that are not on a separate water meter will be included in the winter sewer averaging. Therefore, you may want to check the settings on your sprinkler system or turn it off for this time period.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us at 968-3127.

All sewer customers have the choice of keeping their sewer rates down by curtailing the amount of water they use during the upcoming months.

The following are tips on how you can keep your water consumption (and your sewer rate) down:

- * Repair all leaks immediately, including dripping faucets, showerheads, and toilets that leak or continuously run.
- * Install faucet aerators and low-flow shower heads. A new low-flow shower head can reduce shower water by 50 percent.
- * Replace old toilets, which use up to five gallons per flush, with more efficient models which use as little as 1.6 gallons per flush. Based on this savings, low-flow toilets can pay for themselves in a couple of years.
- * In freezing weather, instead of dripping faucets, wrap all water pipes in non-heated areas with insulation.