



## Notice of Lindon City Sewer Charge Calculation Change Effective September 1, 2014

Your monthly sewer usage charge calculation could be changing! Lindon City has determined a more equitable way of charging for sewer usage that gives most property owners greater control to regulate their sewer bill. Many properties will see a decrease in their monthly sewer charges, while some large users of culinary water may see an increase in sewer charges.

In the past, Lindon City has used an average culinary water usage to calculate sewer rates. Your average winter water usage was calculated on readings taken from November-March. The winter average was then used as the basis for calculating your monthly sewer usage charges for the next year. This has caused some concern from residents and business in that sewer rates were being charged based on water use that occurred last winter. Property owners could not easily lower sewer charges by reducing their water consumption. So, after much study and discussion in public meetings, the city has approved some changes.

**Properties with Pressure Irrigation:** If you have pressurized irrigation (secondary or grey water) your sewer usage will now be calculated based on actual monthly culinary water consumption. Lower culinary water consumption will result in lower sewer charges. Higher culinary water use will result in higher sewer charges. Property owners will be able to have more control over their sewer charges instead of being billed on past average water use.

**Properties without Pressure Irrigation:** If you do not have pressurized irrigation *your sewer usage calculation will not change from how it has been calculated in the past.* It will continue to be based on your average winter water use. The City feels this is the fairest way to continue sewer billing for properties without irrigation water. These properties typically use high amounts of culinary water outside during summer months. This outside watering does not impact the city's sewer system. Therefore an average calculation based on winter water usage is a more accurate reflection of actual water that ends up being discharged to the sewer system.

This change will not result in any rate increases, just in how the sewer charge is calculated.

### **The current sewer rates effective July 1, 2014:**

Base Rate	\$16.97
Usage per 1,000 gallons	\$ 3.05

We hope this is a fair and positive change. Some properties may not notice any significant difference in sewer charges. Others may see an increase or decrease depending on their amount of culinary water use. The calculation change will be effective for meter readings beginning September 1, 2014 – which will appear in your October 2014 billing statement.

If you have questions on this issue, please call our Utility Clerk at 801-785-5043.