



Oildale Mutual Water Company

NEWSLETTER

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CALIFORNIA'S DROUGHT INTENSIFIES... AND ABOUT THAT LAWN

California's Department of Water Resources announced that the State Water Project would be delivering a dismal zero percent of contracted water to the many agencies with agreements in place for water from this critical infrastructure.

While Oildale Mutual relies on water from multiple sources and has carefully prepared to weather this unprecedented water shortage, the Company continues to remind customers that responsible water conservation is extremely important for our region.

As droughts become a common element of California's recent history, we try to discourage the planting of winter rye grass. But if you've already planted this evergreen commodity, we encourage you to check your watering schedule. The much cooler weather, along with the naturally occurring dew and winter rye's shallow roots mean a LOT less water is needed than for your



established Bermuda lawn in our blazing hot summers.

"Our customers with winter rye will likely do well with just a twice-weekly watering schedule and reducing the watering time significantly," suggested Doug Nunneley, Oildale Mutual's General Manager. "Since 70-75% of a household's water use occurs outdoors, customers can save a tremendous amount just by considerably reducing outdoor watering in the winter."

Oildale Mutual is grateful to have incredibly conscientious shareholders.

Thank you for your continued assistance in preserving our most precious natural resource.

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OILDALE MUTUAL WATER COMPANY RATES TO RISE, FIRST TIME SINCE 2012

Oildale Mutual Water Company customers will see a rate increase beginning in January 2022 of approximately \$4-\$5 per month for most customers. Careful planning and responsible budgeting have allowed the Company to stave off rate increases since 2012, but with increasing regulations, tightening water quality standards and the continued cost of labor and supplies, a rate increase was necessary in order to maintain our strong financial health and future stability. For detailed information please see the Schedule of Water Rates below. And as always, if you have any questions please call or email us at: 661.399.5516 or omwc@oildalewater.com.

OILDALE MUTUAL WATER COMPANY SCHEDULE OF WATER RATES

Effective January 1, 2022

FLAT RATE SERVICE

RATES: PER MONTH

35.0 cents per 100 sq. ft. of premises, plus:
 Per unit.....\$ 21.00
 Swimming Pools..... 4.00

METERED SERVICES*

USAGE RATE:

Per 100 cu. ft.....\$ 1.20

SERVICE CHARGE:

PER MONTH

5/8 x 3/4 inch.....	18.10
3/4 inch.....	23.40
1 inch.....	34.30
1 ½ inch.....	83.05
2 inch.....	105.35
3 inch.....	167.75
4 inch.....	247.60
6 inch.....	358.05
8 inch.....	522.50
10 inch.....	632.50

The service charge is a readiness-to-serve charge applicable to all metered services which is to be added to the monthly usage multiplied by the usage rate.



UPGRADED SERVICES ARE COMING

You may have noticed Oildale Mutual crews hard at work in your neighborhood, upgrading equipment, installing newer boxes on customer's property. The new equipment positions your valve just below the new service box lid and is much more easily accessible in the event of an emergency – while requiring only a small wrench to shut off water, should you ever need to do so.

Our crews will continue moving through our entire service territory until all customers have the newer, more easily accessible equipment.

We are grateful for another year and hope each of our customers had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DUE TO ONGOING CONCERNS REGARDING **THE COVID-19 VIRUS**, OUR OFFICE LOBBY WILL REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

We will accept payments through our online portal or through our drive-up window. Due to limited staff, we are unable to take payments over the phone.

TO PAY YOUR BILLS ONLINE, VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.OILDALEWATER.COM

PLEASE NOTE, there are currently no third party sites that are authorized to collect payments for Oildale Mutual Water Company. Please ensure you are using the site listed above.