

Options for Obtaining Credit for Summer Watering:

We have two options in place for customers that do summer watering. Customers can choose to call yearly and request a Summer Watering Credit for the current year's usage (Option 1) or they can purchase a Deduct Meter (Option 2) and call in their meter reads periodically. Customers may only choose one option, not both.

Customers have asked why we don't automatically figure summer credits. We cannot automatically give credits to people for the summer months bills because we have no way of knowing what the water was being used for, i.e. whether it's because people are doing outside watering or whether they have out of town guests staying with them who are using additional water or whether they have 4 families living in one home (just a far-fetched example). Every year our AUGUST bill includes a note that states "DO YOU USE WATER OUTSIDE? YOU MUST CALL & REQUEST A SUMMER WATER CREDIT TO BE PROCESSED ON YOUR DECEMBER BILL". Most people who do watering will see that note and call to request their credit. If they don't see the note, the basic rule of thumb is to call EVERY YEAR during the summer months to request the credit. If you qualify, you will see the credit reflected on your December bill (it will be specified as "Sum. Cr."). **You must have been at the residence and received full (two-months each bill) February, April and June bills to qualify for a credit for the current year's summer usage.** Otherwise, the credit will be delayed until you've received three (3) full non-summer usage bills in order for the adjustment to be calculated.

Option 1: Yearly Summer Watering Credit

The Summer Watering Credit is for people who use water during the summer months that doesn't go down into the sewer (for watering plants & flowers, gardens, washing cars, filling pools, etc.). Per our ordinance, we take your AUGUST and OCTOBER bills of the current year (which bills June – September water co. reads) down to the average usage reflected on your FEBRUARY, APRIL AND JUNE bills (December-May water co. reads) of the current year to give a credit back for this type of watering. If your February, April and/or June bills have more/the same usage as both of your August and October bills, you aren't eligible for a credit (see the column named "USAGE" on your bills to see the gallons used for each of those bills). **Summer Credits are given on the December bill every year to those who have requested and qualified for a credit. You must call and request this credit and it must be requested within the same calendar year that the summer usage occurred.**

Option 2: Deduct Meter

If you don't want to have to wait until December for a yearly Summer Watering Credit and you would like your credits quicker, *or* if you use water outside before the water company reads your meter for Mays read, the better option you have is to visit a hardware store and purchase what is called a Deduct Meter. They cost approximately \$80 and about an extra \$20 for the fittings you'll need in order to fit it to your hose. When you do this type of watering, you would hook your hose to this deduct meter, then you would call in your meter read every other month in the odd months (since we bill in the even months) and you will see your credit reflected on your next bill. **You must register your Deduct Meter with the Township before we can begin to accept any of your reads.**

Surrounding sewer authorities do not offer credits for summer watering, or they only give you back HALF of the overage for outside watering. We give you back the full amount, but per our ordinance we can only take your AUGUST & OCTOBER bills down to the average of your FEBRUARY, APRIL & JUNE bill's usage from the current year as explained above, unless you purchase and use a Deduct Meter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our office at (618) 233-3437 during regular business hours.