

IT'S SEWER AVERAGE SEASON

What is sewer averaging?

Your water use or billing periods, January through April, sets your summer sewer average, which caps your sewer charges from May through December. Even if water use increases in summer for lawn watering, gardening or filling pools, your sewer charges will not exceed this average.

It's important to fix leaks or unusual water use now—any extra usage during the averaging months can lock in a higher sewer average.

Why does it matter?

A single faucet dripping once per second can waste over 3,000 gallons of water per year. Leaks or running toilets during the averaging months can raise your sewer charges for the rest of the year.

Why should you monitor and maintain your average?

- Track monthly water use with the 13-month graph included with your statement.
- Address leaks or unusual usage promptly to keep your sewer average low.

What causes higher bills?

- Toilets that run or don't shut off completely
- Dripping faucets
- Furnace humidifiers
- Outside faucets not shutting off fully
- Sprinkler systems not properly winterized
- Faulty water heaters or valves
- Water softeners not cycling correctly

The City of Blue Springs provides toilet dye testing strips at the office to help detect leaks. Questions? Call Utility Billing Specialists at 816-622-4444 or visit www.bluespringsgov.com.