

NEWSLETTER

How is your monthly sewer charge calculated?

Your utility bill reflects your sewer charge based on your average household water use during the months of November, December and January (as billed in December, January and February). Unlike the water service, your sewer water (the wastewater discharged from your home to the sewer treatment plant) is not metered. Rather it is based on your household water use during the winter months of November, December and January. (Typically customers use less water in the winter season.)

For Example:

Your residential sewer charge is determined by your average household water use shown in the following equation:

Billing Month	Gallons of Water Used
December	7,000
January	6,800
February	6,900
Total Gallons	20,700

Average Monthly Use: 20,700 gallons divided by 3 months equals 6,900 gallons. Your residential sewer charge will be based on the average monthly water use of 6,900 gallons.

Please bear in mind

- New residential sewer customers (those who do not have previous winter season water usage) are billed the monthly base rate sewer charge of \$28.00.

- If you had a leak during the months used to calculate your average, the town will work with you to adjust the average.
- Commercial sewer charges are based on the water volumes used each month.

Wastewater	Wastewater Rates
Residential Base Rate (Inside City Limits)	\$28.00
Residential Base Rate (Outside City Limits)	\$56.00

Base rate include the first two thousand (2,000) gallons per month. Each additional one thousand (1,000) gallons or portion thereof will be assessed as follows:			
Gallons	Amount	Gallons	Amount
0-1,999	\$4.00	2,000-5,999	\$4.15
6,000-7,999	\$4.50	8,000 and up	\$5.00

On August 11, 2015 the Town council approved Ordinances 289 and 290. These ordinances amended the water and wastewater rate structure for the Town. The new rate structure increased the base rate for both residential and commercial users, reduced the gallons included with the base rate, and modified the consumption charges. The rate increase was due to increases in electrical costs, equipment costs, material costs, and annual inflation and to help ensure the Town can continue to meet regulatory requirements, maintain the systems, and provide water and wastewater service to customers.

TOWN OF BERNALILLO



Fire FAQs Frequently Asked Questions about the Town of Bernalillo Fire and Rescue Department

Q. How many people work for the Fire Department?

A. The department has 22 employees (8 paid employees and 14 volunteers)

Q. How close is there a fire hydrant to my house?

A. In most parts of Bernalillo, houses are within 500 feet of a hydrant.

Q. Why does a fire engine come when I only requested an ambulance?

A. A fire truck will sometimes arrive at an incident first because it is the closest emergency unit to the scene. All firefighters are

trained to provide basic emergency medical treatment. They initiate treatment to stabilize patients and provide information to the paramedics en route to the call so they will be aware of any additional advanced life support equipment that will be needed on the scene.

Q. Why do firefighters use fire trucks for non-emergency purposes, like shopping for food, while they are on duty?

A. To ensure the most effective service at the time of an emergency, our crews must remain in their designated response territory with their fire truck during their entire shift, that way they are always ready to respond to any emergency, regardless of their current location or non-emergency assignment.

Q. Does the fire department teach First Aid and CPR Classes?

A. The Town of Bernalillo does offer First Aid and CPR classes to groups of 4 or more. Contact Chief Carroll at for more information at 505-771-7135

Q. Will the Fire Department do home safety checks?

A. The fire department will come to your home if invited and assess your home evacuation plan and provide advice on safe storage of flammable materials, smoke alarm placement, space heaters and other possible fire hazards. These visits have to be scheduled in advance and you can do so by calling Chief Carroll at 505-771-7135

Q. Where can my kids meet the firemen and see a fire truck?

A. The fire department often participates in public events. Specifically on July 6th we will be at the Town of Bernalillo Public Library presenting a Fire Safety Program for children.





Burn Permits are required for open burning.

- The application fee is \$10.00
- Application for Burn Permits are available at Town Hall.
- Burning hours are between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. daily.
- You must call 771-7104 every day to check if burning will be allowed on that day.
- The area where open burning will take place must be clear of all combustibles materials.
- You must have sufficient tools to work with open flame such as : rakes, shovels, gloves, eye protection, long sleeve shirt, long pants, etc...
- Fire extinguishing equipment must be on site (i.e. garden hose, fire extinguisher)

PUBLIC MEETING



Proposed Small Farm Animal Ordinance

On Tuesday, May 24th the Town of Bernalillo will be holding a public meeting about a proposed ordinance change which would permit the

keeping of small farm animals in residential areas.

The proposed ordinance may include standards for the types of animals, number of animals permitted per lot based on lot area, setbacks for animal structures and standards for maintenance of animals.

The Public Meeting will be held at the Town of Bernalillo Council Chambers on May 24th 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

Public comment is encouraged and may be made verbally at the meeting and in writing before and/or after the meeting. For additional information or to submit public comments, please contact Planning Director, Janet Cunningham-Stephens at 505-771-5896 or by email at jcunningham@townofbernalillo.org



Coming soon to the Pavilion in Rotary Park Bernalillo Farmers Market

- Vendor owned and operated
- Featuring growers and crafts people from Bernalillo, Placitas, Corrales, & Rio Rancho
- June 17—October 28th from 4—7 p.m.
- For more information contact Bonnie Hill at bwhillshal@yahoo.com or call 228-5801



Memorial Day Parade **PARADE** May 30 2016 11:00 a.m.

Parade Route: Camino del Pueblo (from Camino Del Bosque to Loretto Park)

Following the parade there will be a Memorial Day Ceremony at 1:00 pm at the Sandoval County Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Bernalillo at 711 Camino del Pueblo

Parade applications available at Town Hall



Saturday May 7th 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In-Town Dumpsters

585 Calle Chaparral, Bernalillo, NM
Town of Bernalillo Public Works Yard
(The gates will be open from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m.)

FREE 1/2 Day of Dumping

FREE 1/2 Day (7:00 a.m. to 12 noon) Dumping at the Sandoval County and Waste Management Landfills in Rio Rancho. Proof of Bernalillo residency will be required.

E-Recycling & Clothing Drive

9 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Santa Ana Star Casino, 54 Jemez Dam Rd., Bernalillo, NM

MEETINGS

Town of Bernalillo Town Council Meetings held in the Council Chambers at Town Hall
May 9th @ 6:30 p.m.
May 23rd @ 6:30 p.m.
Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting held in the Council Chambers at Town Hall
May 3rd @ 6:30 p.m.

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