

LOST LAKE UTILITY DISTRICT - Water & Sewer Management



Winter 2025

Winter Is Here! Protect Your Water Lines

Winter can be tough on your home's water lines, so taking a few extra steps can prevent costly damage. Make sure outdoor hoses

are disconnected and faucets are turned off or insulated. If you have exposed pipes in unheated areas like basements, garages, or crawl spaces, consider wrapping them with insulation or heat tape. Keep your home heated to a safe temperature, and let faucets drip slightly during extremely cold nights to prevent freezing. By taking these precautions, you can help ensure your water keeps flowing all winter long.



Cautionary Tale: A community member called the office concerned that their water usage was higher than usual. After asking the common questions: Did you water a lot of outside plants or your garden? Do you have a pool? Did you have any house guests outstay their welcome? You would be surprised how an additional family of four could add **thousands of gallons** of water usage to your bill. A typical family of four can use **2,000-4,000 gallons of water a week**. That adds up fast.



What happened next was detective work. First, they checked all toilets to see if any were running. A light trickle can use **30-100 gallons extra a day**. That could add up to **3000 gallons a month or 6000 extra gallons a billing period**. Next, they turned off all water to see if the meter was still moving. And it was still moving! The culprit? A sneaky hot water heater with a barely audible leak. Once fixed, the mystery was solved-and the bill returned to normal.

The Water Tower is Painted!

Our water tower project is officially complete-and it looks fantastic. Some might even say the sky looks a little bluer behind it! We want to thank everyone in the community for their patience during this project. It took a little longer than expected, with a few more hiccups than we thought. With these improvements, our water tower will continue to serve the community for many years to come and remain a great feature of our skyline



AFTER!

2026 Rate Adjustment Notice

The 2026 rate increase will appear on the February 2026 billing. Please adjust your automatic monthly payment or online banking to reflect the new rate.
Water Usage: \$54.10 a month.
Sewer Usage: \$67.60 a month.
Water Availability: \$15 a month.
Sewer Availability: \$15 a month.
This is a 5% increase to the nearest .10¢.

Stay in the Know with a Cellular Water Meter

Winter is the perfect time to upgrade to a new cellular water meter—and it's smarter than your average snowman! These meters track your water usage in real time, helping you spot leaks before they turn into costly surprises. Snowbirds, rejoice: even while you're away enjoying warmer weather, **Eye on Water** lets you check your home's usage anytime, giving you peace of mind all season long. Call the office for more details.

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