

Vaughn Cascade County
Water & Sewer District
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2021 Summer Newsletter

Board Meetings:

Board Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at the American Legion Hall at 6:00 pm

Water Restrictions:

Water usage has gone up so please do your part to keep the water bill at its current rate by following the watering schedule.

- Water restriction are in place between June 1st through September 31st.
- Property Owners on the North side of HWY 89 can water on odd number days.
- Property Owners on the South side of HWY 89 can water on even number days.
- Watering is permitted between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. OR between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. on the allowed days.
- No Watering is permitted between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Flushable Wipes are not flushable:

The sewer treatment system is still receiving a lot of wipes. Although it says it on the package **flushable**, they are **NOT**. The wipes are causing plugging and excessive wear on the pumps. They also plug up the aerators and cause unnecessary buildup of sludge in the lagoons. This is added cost to the system that can also cause your rates to go up. Do your part and do not flush anything except toilet paper.

Please only flush toilet paper down the drain.



 **Budget:**

The FY 2022 Draft Budget will be available to view starting August 10th.

The Public Hearing will open Tuesday August 17th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. During this time any customer may appear and be heard for or against any part of said budget.

You can view it on our website: vaughnwaterandsewer.com or

at the office Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to Noon.

If you would like a copy there is a fee of .50¢ for the first page and .25¢ for each additional page. **MCA 2-6-1006**

 **Help with Water and Wastewater bill:**

Starting October 1st, 2021 and running through September 30th, 2023.

Households can apply for assistance through a process coordinated with Low-income Energy Assistance (LIEAP) program.

Funds will be sent directly to Public Water Systems to be credited to income eligible household accounts to reduce arrearages, prevent shut offs and reduce monthly rates.

For more information please contact: <https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/1575>

 **Water Project Update:**

The water project is wrapping up. Jackson Contracting still has some water tank work to complete and seeding work this fall.

 **Sewer Headworks Project Update:**

The Contractor has not started work but the project is scheduled to be complete by the September.

 **ARPA Funding (American Rescue Plan Act):**

We have applied for funding for sewer infrastructure. The district has approximately 16,000 linear feet of lines that will need to be examined for deterioration and functionality. The project will repair the sags in the sewer mains and replace those that have completely deteriorated. This project will have to be completed by December 26, 2026. The total project cost is \$509,295.00

Cascade County has committed matching funds of \$254,647.50.

We have applied for a Competitive Grant through the state in the amount of \$254,647.50. We should know if we receive the grant money end of September.

This money will NOT have to be paid back and your sewer bill will NOT go up.