

Oak Creek Water District

Serving West Sedona Quality Water Since 1953

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NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS:

1. Make a point to make at least one meeting this year.
2. Make sure your homeowner shut off valve works.*
3. Monitor water usage & potential leaks with Eye On Water.
4. Sign Up for Paperless Billing and Autopay with Xpress Bill Pay.



Do you appreciate that this District has the most efficient & affordable rates in Arizona? Do you appreciate that this District does not use any chemicals for treatment? Do you appreciate that this system operates with 1 full-time and 2 part-time employees? Do you appreciate that customers like yourself volunteering an hour a month to be on the Board to help make decisions? If so, then say yes to the four resolutions above.

*There should be two shutoff valves, one on each side of the meter. The valve on the house side is the homeowners, the value on the street side of the meter is the Districts. There is a fine for tapering with the District's valve.

***** CONSTRUCTION UPDATE *****

Water Main Replacement: This year Summit Construction will be completing Sadlerock Subdivision, Northview Blvd. and Copper Vista Subdivision. Keep Up To Date: Check the website. Sign up for alerts. Come to monthly meetings.



***** PUBLIC MEETING ON THE ANNUAL BUDGET & RATES*****

The District is required to submit a budget to Yavapai County annually. The Board of Directors will be voting on this budget at the February 17, 2026 meeting. See attached. Public comments are accepted in writing or in person prior to the discussion and vote. The budget includes a rate increase following the approval of the 5-year rate study completed in December of 2024. See attached details.



Water Rates Comparison With Other Utilities

3/4" Average User 6,000 gallons

3/4" Median User 3,500 gallons

Oak Creek Water (Currently)			
Base Rate	\$	21.49	
0-4000 Gal	\$	2.5900	
4000 -10,000 Gal	\$	4.2700	
Over 10k	\$	5.3600	
Taxes		0.100	
	Average		Median
OWC Bill	\$	44.44	\$33.62
Gallons Used:			
0-4000	4000		
4001-10000	2000		
over 10000	0		

Oak Creek Water FY 27 (Using FY28 Rate plan)			
Base Rate	\$	24.24	
0-4000 Gal	\$	3.0000	
4000 -10,000 Gal	\$	4.6800	
Over 10k	\$	5.7700	
Taxes		0.100	
	Average		Median
OWC Bill	\$	50.17	\$38.22
Gallons Used:			
0-4000	4000		
4001-10000	2000		
over 10000	0		

Neighboring Water System			
Base Rate	\$	50.61	w/surcharges
0-3000 Gal	\$	4.9930	
3-9000 Gal	\$	6.8090	
9-17000 Gal	\$	7.7820	
Taxes		0.100	
	Average		Median
Equivalent Bill	\$	94.63	\$75.91
Gallons Used:			
0-3000	3000		
3001-10000	3000		
over 10000	0		

Neighboring Water System			
Base Rate	\$	38.10	
0-2000 Gal	\$	2.5800	
2000 -12,000 Gal	\$	4.3000	
Over 12k	\$	6.0200	
Taxes		0.100	
	Average		Median
Equivalent Bill	\$	66.52	\$54.69
Gallons Used:			
0-2000	2000		
2001-12000	4000		
over 12000	0		

About 50% of the district's customers' average bills are under \$33.62/month. Are you one of them?

Xeriscape Landscaping = Conservation

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Current Base Rate</u>	<u>Proposed Base Rate</u>	<u>% of System Users</u>
¾-inch	\$21.49	\$24.24	85.0%
1-inch	\$35.82	\$40.39	5.0%
1 ½ -inch	\$71.45	\$80.57	1.5%
2-inch	\$114.38	\$128.99	0.7%
4-inch	\$357.72	\$403.40	0.3%

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Usage Tier</u>	<u>Current/1,000 gal</u>	<u>Proposed/1000 gal</u>
¾-inch & 1-inch Res	0-4,000 gallons	\$2.59	\$3.00
¾-inch & 1-inch Res	4,000-10,000 gallons	\$4.27	\$4.68
¾-inch & 1-inch Comm	0-12,000 gallons	\$4.27	\$4.68
¾-inch & 1-inch Comm	Over 12,000 gallons	\$5.36	\$5.77

**OAK CREEK WATER DISTRICT
PROPOSED 2026-2027 BUDGET**

Operations		\$ 169,000.00
Repairs to Plant - Contractor - Mains	\$ 20,000.00	
Repairs to Plant - Contractor - Electrical/Pumps	\$ 15,000.00	
Repairs to Plant - Contractor - Wells	\$ 20,000.00	
Operations: Materials and Supplies	\$ 30,700.00	
Operations: Tools and Shop	\$ 1,950.00	
Power Purchased	\$ 55,000.00	
Aid to Construction	\$ 250.00	
Insurance - Property and Liability	\$ 20,000.00	
Transportation Expenses	\$ 6,100.00	
Office		\$ 127,100.00
Az Sales and City Taxes	\$ 65,000.00	
Advertising - Newsletters, Website, Indeed	\$ 4,775.00	
Billing Expenses	\$ 32,500.00	
Telecommunications	\$ 15,700.00	
Office Utilities	\$ 4,025.00	
Office Supplies/Equipment	\$ 2,600.00	
Officers Insurance	\$ 2,500.00	
Contractual Services		\$ 31,100.00
Contractual Accounting/Auditing	\$ 10,000.00	
Contractual Legal	\$ 10,000.00	
Contractual Lab Testing	\$ 4,500.00	
Contractual Monitoring & Security	\$ 3,600.00	
Contractual Management	\$ 3,000.00	
Personnel		\$ 205,000.00
Salaries and Wages	\$ 175,000.00	
Employer Taxes 8.35% & Unemployment	\$ 16,000.00	
Benefits and IRA	\$ 12,000.00	
Insurance Works Comp	\$ 2,000.00	
Reserves & Debt		\$ 219,800.00
Short/Long Term Reserves USDA Requirement	\$ 45,344.00	
USDA \$4.9M Loan (40 yrs at 1.325%/2.250% Interest)	\$ 174,456.00	
Total Expenses		\$ 752,000.00
Operations Revenue		\$ 752,000.00

<p>Public Hearing at 4:30pm on February 17, 2026: Proposed Budget Public Comments Prior to Board Voting Comments can be sent prior to the meeting at info@oakcreekwater.com</p>
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