

# New Water Softener Requirements

Starting in February 2015.

Users of the Oak Pointe Wastewater System may utilize a sodium based salt in their water softener, potassium based salts are no longer required.

Can I connect my sump pump or water softener brine into the sewer?

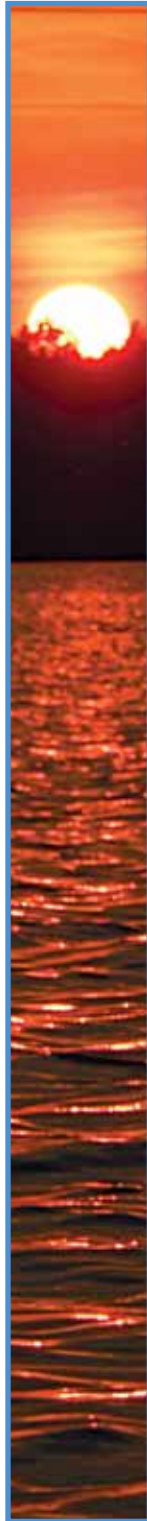
No, these items must be discharged onto individual lots.

What is the savings associated with switching from a potassium based salt?

\$200-\$400/year, depending on the amount of water used and the individual water softener settings.

Do these water softener requirements apply to me?

Yes, you are receiving this brochure because you are connected to the Oak Pointe municipal wastewater system.



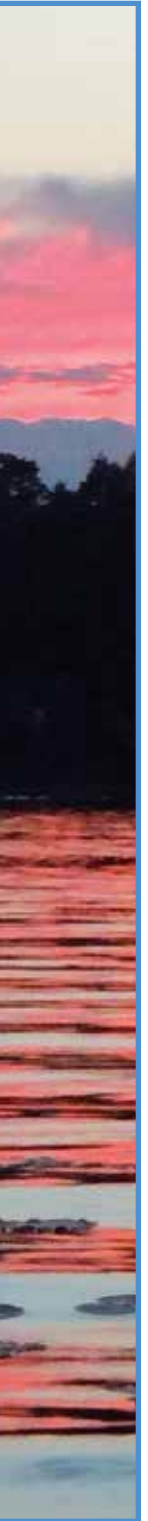
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# Update for Customers Connected to the Oak Pointe Municipal Utility System

Look inside for more information on:

- New Water Softener Usage Requirements (Effective February 2015)
- Wastewater System Consolidation Project – Groundwater Discharge Scheduled to Cease in February 2015
- Water Tower Painting Scheduled for April 2015



## Update on Wastewater Consolidation Project

### Groundwater Discharge to be Ceased February 2015.

A major benefit of the consolidation project is the elimination of a groundwater discharge plant. The old groundwater discharge plant was a source of liability for the Township, as the discharge ultimately reaches the drinking water source of residents downstream of the plant. We are pleased to report that the groundwater discharge is scheduled to cease in early February 2015.

### Construction Update.

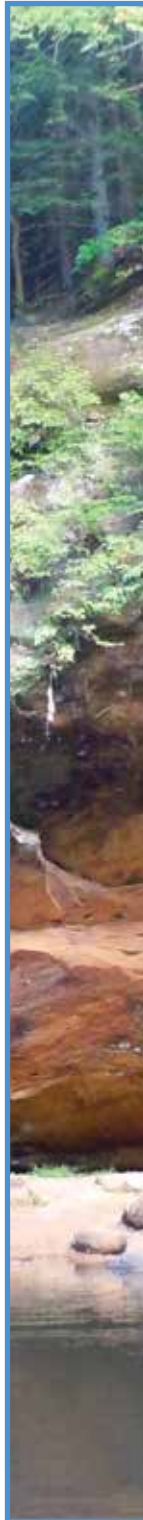
Although groundwater discharge is ceasing this month, there are still several improvements that need to be constructed before this project is completed. We are planning for construction activity to continue through August of 2015. During this time temporary bypass pumping equipment will be set up at the existing Oak Pointe Wastewater Treatment Plant while the plant is converted to a pumping station.

The installation of 5 miles of force main along Chilson Road was substantially completed as of December 2014. This force main allows us to pump the untreated wastewater from the Oak Pointe customers to the Genoa Oceaola Wastewater Treatment Plant for treatment and disposal.

### *How Much is the Debt Charge for this Project?*

The Debt Charge will be applied to your upcoming utility bill. It is anticipated that most residential homes will see an increase of approximately \$300/year.

Visit <http://genoa.org/departments/utilities> for more information.



## Painting of Oak Pointe Elevated Water Tower

The Oak Pointe Water Tower, located on Moret Court south of the Oak Pointe Country Club, is scheduled to be painted this year. A few highlights about this upcoming project:

- Scheduled to start in April 2015.
- The existing structure (bottom right picture) will be sandblasted to bare metal and then recoated.
- In addition to the exterior of the tank, the wet and dry interior paint systems are being stripped and recoated.
- It should be noted that the existing paint on the tower does NOT contain lead as it was painted in 1991.
- The entire tank will be encapsulated as part of the project to protect the surrounding properties from sand, metal, and paint flakes generated during sandblasting activities. The picture below shows what the encapsulation will look like:



## How will the Water Tower Painting Project impact me?

Our goal is to have limited impacts to your water and cellular service during this project.

- Water quality should remain unchanged during the project; we plan to continue operation of the iron removal plant.
- Residents may notice small pressure fluctuations during the project as pumps will be used to maintain water pressure when the tower is off-line.
- We are working with the cellular companies to bring in temporary towers during the duration of the project to maintain cell service in the area.

