

BERLIN SEWER COMMISSION

HOW TO LOWER YOUR SEWER BILL

Do you think that your sewer usage is high? If it is, there are many reasons for a bill to be high:

Do you have dripping faucets?

Is your toilet tank leaking?

Are your washing machine hoses leaking?

Are outside faucets or the hoses connected to them dripping?

These are just a few of the reasons you could have a high sewer bill.

Your sewer bill is calculated based upon the water flow into the building. This water flow is measured through a water meter.

The way to reduce your sewer bill is to lower your water consumption. If you are purchasing a new toilet, consider the low flow models that use approx. 1.6 gallons of water as opposed to 3.5 gallons. If you are purchasing a new washing machine, consider a high efficiency, low water usage model that uses an average of 40% less water.

The Sewer Commissioners also are asking for your help to keep costs down. There are many items that should never be put into the sewer system, they can cause costly problems. These costs get passed along to you in either higher rates or a special billing.

The following items are some of the things that should **NOT** be put into any sewer system:

Sanitary products of any kind, disposable wipes of all kinds,
disposable diapers, cotton swabs, pens/pencils, paper towels,
grease, soils, food scraps, paper or cloth of any kind.

Eliminating these products from the sewer system reduces maintenance costs and the risk of sewage backups, overflows, and pump failures. Disposal of these items often result in having to have emergency work performed, and that can be EXPENSIVE.

Do you think you have a leaky toilet tank? The Sewer Commission Office has a supply of test strips to be used in the toilet tank – wait 20 minutes. If the dye appears in the toilet bowl, your toilet is leaking. Regular food coloring can be used for this test also.

Landlords, please share this article with your tenants. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

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