

The Drought and Your Water in Ocean City

What to know about water use

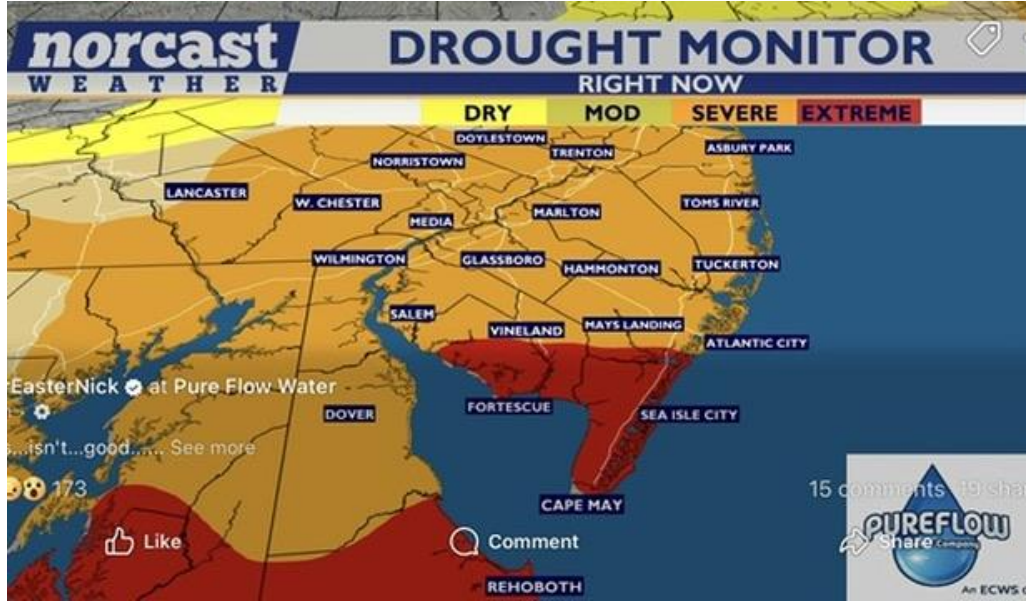
What to know about Ocean City Water Rates

How to Act



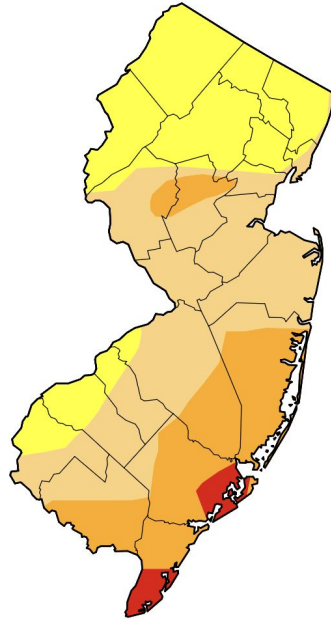
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Legend

Drought & Dryness Categories		% of NJ
	D0 – Abnormally Dry	0.0%
	D1 – Moderate Drought	50.0%
	D2 – Severe Drought	50.0%
	D3 – Extreme Drought	0.0%
	D4 – Exceptional Drought	0.0%
	Total Area in Drought (D1–D4)	100.0%



The drought has eased

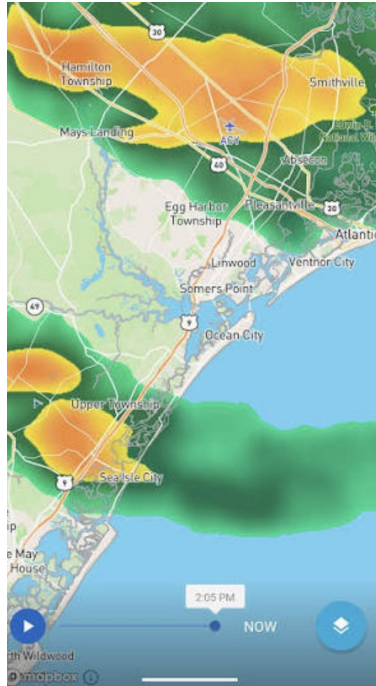
Many storms have passed
by Ocean City

We still need more rain

Map released: Thurs. July 30, 2026

Data valid: July 28, 2026 at 8 a.m. EDT

Cape May Bubble



The Cape May Bubble is a local weather phenomenon where **storms and rain split, weaken, or bypass the southern tip of New Jersey.**

Scientific Support: Research shows that the Cape May-to-Vineland corridor experiences **fewer hours of heavy rain and fewer total thunderstorms during the summer than inland New Jersey.**

Ocean City Wildlife Refuge



Cape May County Park North



Water level has
dropped over 12"

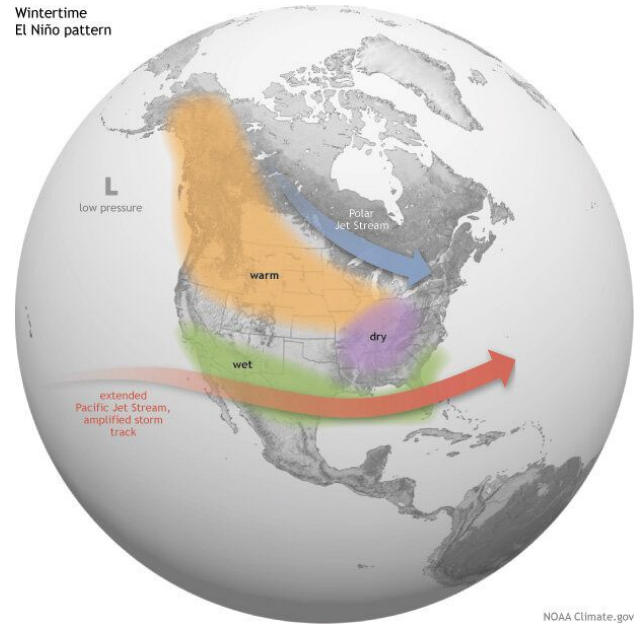
Super El Nino

Summer 2026

Hotter and More Storms

- Winter effects also

Wintertime
El Niño pattern



Control Your Use



Control Your Costs

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10 SIMPLE STEPS TO SAVE WATER



Reduce usage by 65% and use a commercial car wash instead of washing your car at home.

1



Install low-flow showerheads, faucets and toilets.

6



Postpone water intensive yard work, like reseeding your lawn, until conditions improve.

2



Take five-minute showers.

7



Sweep patios, driveways, and sidewalks. Never hose paved surfaces.

3



Turn off water while brushing teeth.

8



Fix leaks around your home and with your irrigation system.

4



Run your washing machine and dishwasher only when full.

9



If you are still watering your plants, lawns, gardens, they require less water in the fall, and use a rain barrel or watering can.

5



Raise lawnmower blades to at least three inches to promote deeper grass roots, which hold water better.

10

So What Can You Do?



Be Frugal

Repair Leaks

Install Water Saving Devices

Install high efficiency

Clothes washers

Dishwashers

Water heaters



Landlords

Educate renters to limit water use

So What Can You Do?

Get a separate irrigation meter

NJAW-street to meter

$\frac{5}{8}$ " Meter \$2,265

1" Meter \$5,561

Plumber-meter to irrigation

Property dependent ~\$3000

Street Opening Permit
~\$1300 + Bond

no wastewater charges about 70% of total costs

Current Use

Previous Summer

Irrigation Useage?

Limit Irrigation 1"/Week

Determine actual usage - does a separate meter make sense

Install a irrigation flow meter,
\$370



Estimate Your Irrigation Flow

Survey head types and flow
duration of watering
Days per week
Weeks

Calculate seasonal Flow





Overwatering
only makes your
bills grow

Rain Barrel



LET'S TALK ABOUT THE COST OF WATER

Water and Wastewater 2024 Rates Study Ocean City vs. Other Cape May County Shore Towns



Prepared by the Ocean City Utility Advisory Commission

Objective and Purpose

- Presentations by **New Jersey American Water and Cape May County Municipal Utility Authority**
 - Live and Zoom
 - **2021**
 - **October 23, 2023**
- **AC Press article 9/22/2014**
 - OC \$16.98/1000 gal vs \$1.6-7.25/1000 gal
 - AC Metro Area
 - **Inspiration for report**
 - Feedback
 - **Perceived High Cost**
 - Unoccupied Winter Periods
 - **Not this study**

Where to find previous presentations on NJAW and CMCMUA

<https://www.ocnj.us/boards-and-commissions>

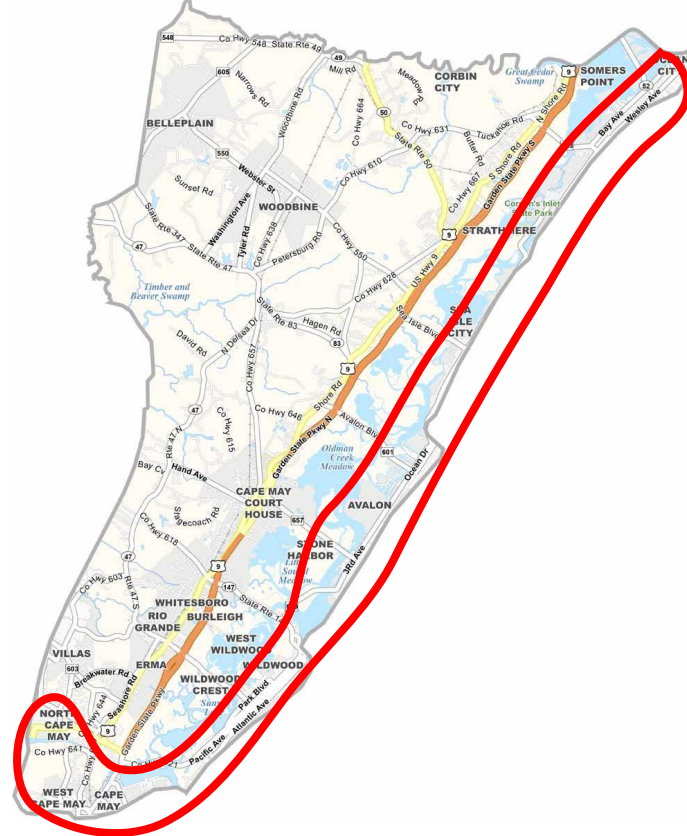
Understanding Your Bill

- **Service Related Charges:** This section includes charges for services related to water, wastewater and fire protection.
- **Water and Wastewater Service Charge:** This fixed charge represents the cost of meter reading, customer billing, and maintaining the meter and service connection to your property.
- **Water and Wastewater Usage Charge:** This charge, which is based on usage, represents the cost related to operating and maintaining source of supply, pumping, treatment, and transmission and distribution facilities as well as the capital cost related to upgrading these facilities.
- **Discounts on Water and Wastewater Service and Usage Charges:** Customers approved by SHARES are eligible for our Universal Affordability Discount Program. Discounts appear as a credit under the respective water and/or wastewater sections.
- **Other Charges:** The Distribution System Improvement Charge (DSIC), Wastewater System Improvement Charge (WSIC) and Resiliency and Environmental System Investment Charge (RESIC) relate to the capital costs associated with improvements made to the water and wastewater system that are not included in base rates. The Purchased Water Adjustment Clause (PWAC) and Purchased Sewage (Wastewater) Treatment Adjustment Clause (PSTAC) surcharges are pass through charges that are paid to other companies or other agencies and do not remain with New Jersey American Water. The Lead Service Line Replacement Charge (LSLRC Surcharge) is designed to recover project costs associated with replacing customer-owned lead service lines. The Special Program Charge is designed to recover incremental costs related to COVID-19. This charge will expire at the end of May 2027.
- **Average Daily Use:** The gallons shown in the water droplet above represent your average daily water use for the current billing period. Tracking the amount of water you use can help you manage your overall water use from month to month.
- **Still have questions?** See the link below.

TERMS

<https://amwater.com/njaw/rates>

Area of Study



- **Cape May County Shore Towns' Water Utility**

Ocean City - **New Jersey American Water**

Strathmere - wells and septic

Sea Isle - SIC Water and Sewer Dept.

Avalon - ***Utility Service Affiliates, Middlesex Water Co.***

Stone Harbor - Borough of Stone Harbor, Div. of Utilities

North Wildwood - Wildwood Water Utility

Wildwood - Wildwood Water Utility

West Wildwood - Wildwood Water Utility and WWW Sewer Utility

Wildwood Crest - Wildwood Water Utility

Cape May - Cape May Water and Sewer

West Cape May - West Cape May Water Department

Cape May Point - Cape May Point Water Utility



New Jersey Division of Rate Counsel Presentation to the Ocean City Utility Advisory Commission

By Brian O. Lipman, Director

Private vs Public Water Utility Companies



	Municipally Owned (Public)	Investor-Owned (Private)
Ownership	Local government (Town, City, or County Authority).	Private corporation/shareholders (e.g., NJ American Water).
Rate Setting	Set locally by elected or appointed officials; no profit margin required.	Regulated by the NJ Board of Public Utilities (BPU); includes allowed profit.
Accountability	Direct democratic control; meetings are public and local.	Accountable to shareholders and state regulators.
Funding	Access to government grants and low-interest state/federal loans.	Access to private equity and large-scale capital markets.

Source: Rate Payer Advocate, NJ BPU

Municipal Water vs. Utility Owned Water Company

Pros

Cons

Municipal

Lower cost—no profit needed

Local Control

Access to Grants

Capital Constraints

Political Issues

Investor Owned

Economies of Scale

Technical Expertise

Budget Relief (Short-term)

Higher Bills

Loss of Local Control

New Jersey Bureau of Public Utilities Presentation April 15, 2026

<https://www.ocnj.us/media/City%20Hall/Utilities/RateCounselPresentation.pdf>

Private vs Public Utility Systems

Private - For Profit

- NJ Bureau of Public Utility rate approvals

- Rate Payer Advocate

- Cost Recovery

- Operations/Maintenance

- Debt, Equity, Interest

- Capital Costs

Municipal - Self Liquidating

- Cost = Revenue

- DO NOT require NJ BPU approval

- Costs are spread thru Municipal budgets

- “Untrackable” Public Works charges**

What makes OC unique?

Ocean City **SOLD/Transferred** its water system to
New Jersey American Water

Water Distribution and Wells

Sewer Collection

Customer To CMCMUA pump stations

- **New Jersey American Water Invoices/Bills:**

Water
County Wastewater treatment

COUNTY

CMCMUA Municipal Budget Allocations

Ocean City \$0

- Bill to users thru NJAW

Specific Inclusions

Sea Isle

Stone Harbor

Wildwood

All other municipal budgets infer, but don't identify

What makes OC unique?

Cape May County Municipal Utility Authority

Created 1972

Clean Water Act

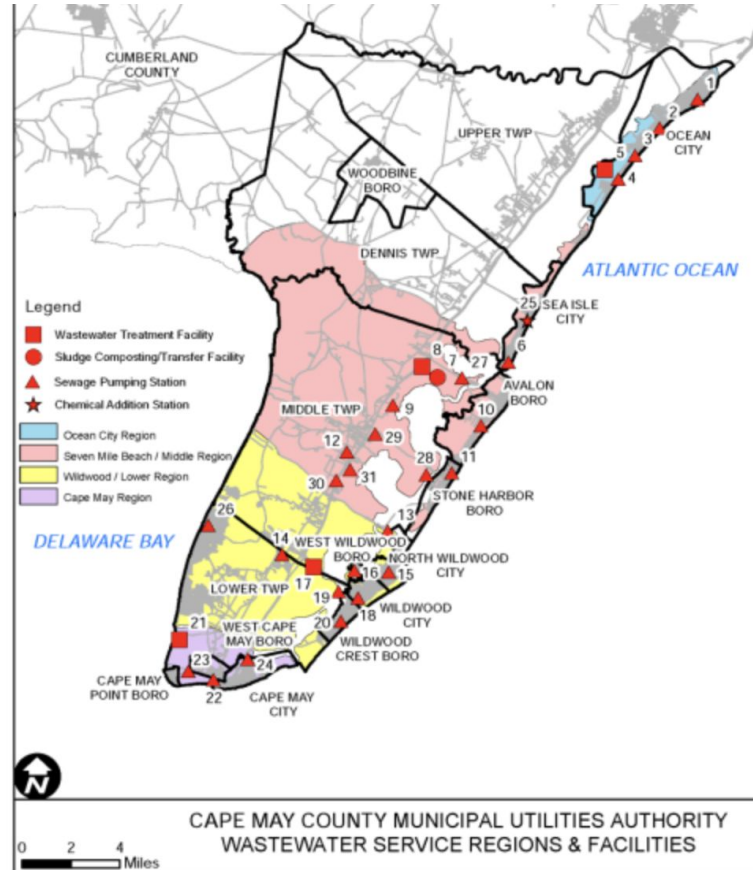
Ocean City Treatment Plant on line 1982

ONLY serves Ocean City

Collects from NJAW Pump Stations

- **All other CMCMUA plants include annual non-seasonal land based population flow**

CMCMUA Facilities



<https://www.cmcmua.com/wastewater/pages/wastewater-facilities>

CMCMUA Treatment Facilities

Location	%	Flow MGD				
		Capacity	Peak Summer	%	Avg Off Season	%
Ocean City	28	8.24	7.156	86.84%	2.54	30.83%
Seven Mile Beach/Middle *	31	7.67	7.218	94.11%	2.709	35.32%
Wildwood Lower	30	14.2	8.183	57.63%	3.128	22.03%
Cape May	10	3.0	2.36	78.67%	1.05	35.00%
* also generates Reclaimed Water for Beneficial Reuse (RWBR) for irrigation of nearby County facilities						
ALL facilities utilize Fixed Film (Rotating Biological Contactor - RBC) for treatment						

CMCMUA Operating Cost Basis

Fixed and Variable Costs

- Conveyance
- Wastewater Treatment
- Solids Handling
- Effluent Disposal

New Jersey American Water Company

OC to NJAW Timeline

- 1893 Ocean City Sewer Company
- 1926 Ocean City Water Service Company
- 1970 NJBPU merges Ocean City Sewer Service Company and Ocean City Water Service Company plus others into New Jersey Water Company
 - Asset Acquisition \$\$??
- 1996 Ord 96-39 grants full sewer franchise rights to NJAW
- 1997 NJAW purchases the City owned portion of the Gardens, Riviera and Bayou areas \$\$??

New Jersey American Water Co.

Ocean City

Water Supply and Well System

- **9 active production wells.**
- **Source Aquifers: Atlantic City “800-foot” sand aquifer and the Kirkwood-Cohansey water-table aquifer system.**

Wastewater and Infrastructure

- **Wastewater Lift/Pump Stations: 9 sewer lift (pump) stations**
- **The Network: 78 miles of gravity sewer lines and 7 miles of pressurized force mains**

Study Process

Gather Information

Water and Wastewater Rates

Individual town rates by Ordinance

County - system cost recovery

“Model”

60,000 gallons/year - comparison basis

**- 50% of annual water consumption is
summer based**

Types of Reference Documents

- NJAW “About Your Rates”
- NJBPU Approved Rates
- Municipal websites
- Municipal Dedicated Water and Sewer Rate Budgets
- Municipal Ordinances - rates
- System Accounts
 - OPRA requests
- Newspaper articles
- CMCMUA rates

Let's Look at Various City Water Rate Structures

Water - Ocean City

NJ AM WATER

2024 Rates

5/8" meter Monthly charge	\$19.85
Distribution Sys Impv Chrg DSIC	\$3.67
Usage/100 gal	\$0.77752
Purchased Water Adjustment PWAC/100g	\$0.05289
Lead Service Line Replacement LSLRC/100g	\$0.06630
Special Purpose Charge (SPC) /1000 gal	\$0.05551

Water-Sea Isle

SIC

2024 Rates

30,000 gal / 6 months	\$328
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1,000 gal excess	\$2.00
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Water-Avalon

Avalon/Middlesex		2024 Rates
Lead service test/remediation/Qtrr		
Q1 Water 5,000 gal	5000	\$10.00
Q1 Water excess/gal	1000	\$50.00
Q2 Water 10,000 gal	10000	\$0.0061
Q2 Water excess/gal	2000	\$50.00
Q3 Water 25,000 gal	25000	\$0.0061
Q3 Water excess/gal	5000	\$437.50
Q4 Water 10,000 gal	10000	\$0.0061
Q4 Water excess/gal	2000	\$50.00
total gallons /year	60000	\$0.0061

Water-Stone Harbor *

Stone Harbor

2024 Rates

5/8"-3/4" meter Qrtrly/10,000 gal	\$195.00
Excess water/1,000 gal to 50,000 gal	\$5.50
Ex water/1,000 gal to 50-80,000 gal	\$6.50
Excess water/1,000 gal to >80,000 gal	\$7.50

***COMBINED WATER AND SEWER RATES**

Water-Wildwoods

Wildwoods

2024 Rates

5/8" meter/Qtrr

\$37.75

Usage/Qtrr 0-50,000 gal

\$3.85

Usage/Qtrr >50,000 gal

\$5.30

Water-Cape May

	CM 2024
Cape May * Desalination Water Treatment	Rates
Qtr Minimum 5,000 gal	\$39.00
5,000 gal Excess Q1, Q2, Q4	\$9.09
5,000 gal Excess Q3	\$9.45

Water-

West Cape May

	WCM 2022
West Cape May * Desalination Water Treatment	Rates
3/4" meter/7,000 gal/Qtr	\$130.00
7,000-29,999 gal/1000 gal	\$10.30
30,000-49,999 gal/1000 gal	\$11.65
50,000-99,999 gal/1000 gal	\$12.40
100,000+ gal/1000 gal	\$12.80

Water- Cape May Point

	CMP 2024
Cape May Point * Desalination Water Treatment	Rates
6500 gal minimum Qtrly	\$116.29
>6500 gal /1000 gal	\$11.05

Water

Water Charges

Water												
10/30/20 POST FINAL DRAFT	N American Water	Wells and Seeps Tariffs	SC Water and Sewer Dept.	Utility Service Areas: Middlebrook Water Co.	Buffett Division of Middlebrook Water and Sewer	Wildwood Water Utility	Wildwood Water Utility	Wildwood Water Utility	Wildwood Water Utility	Cape May Water and Sewer	West Cape May Water Department	CMP Water Utility
\$1.00 gallon	Ocean City	Bratherton	Sea Isle	Aspen	Stone Harbor	North Wildwood	Wildwood	West Wildwood	Wildwood Crest	Cape May	West Cape May	Cape May Point
NJ A/C WATER												
30" water Monthly charge	2024 Rates											
30" water Monthly charge	\$17.95											
Distribution Sys Imps Chrg D&C	\$3.67											
Usage>100 gal	\$0.7732											
Purchased Water Adjustment (PWA) 100g	\$0.0228											
Local Service Line Equipment	\$0.0630											
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Special Purpose Charge (SPC) 1,000 gal	\$0.0551											
SC												
2024 Rates												
\$1.000 gal / 6 months - ANNUAL	\$19											
1,000 gal excess	\$2.00											
Aspen/Middlebrook												
2024 Rates												
Land service fees/intermediation/Gr/	\$10.00											
Gr Water 5,000 gal	5000											
Gr Water 5,000 gal	5000 net											
Gr Water 10,000 gal	10000											
Gr Water excess/gal	2000 net											
Gr Water 10,000 gal	20000											
Gr Water excess/gal	5000 net											
Gr Water 10,000 gal	10000											
Gr Water excess/gal	5000 net											
Total gallons / year	60000											
Stone Harbor												
2024 Rates												
3/4" - 3/4" meter Gr/Gr/10,000 gal	\$100.00											
Excess water 1,000 gal to 50,000 gal	\$6.50											
Ex water 1,000 gal to 50-60,000 gal	\$6.50											
Excess water 1,000 gal to >60,000 gal	\$7.50											
Wildwood												
2024 Rates												
3/4" meter/Gr/Gr	\$37.75											
Usage/Gr/Gr 50,000 gal	\$1.90											
Usage/Gr/Gr >50,000 gal	\$1.30											
Cape May - Desalination Water Treatment												
2024 Rates												
Gr Minimum 5,000 gal	5000											
Gr/Gr Excess 50, 00, 04	20000											
5,000 gal Excess 50	1/2 of 60000	30000										
60,000	60000											
West Cape May - Desalination Water Treatment												
2024 Rates												
Gr/Gr minimum 1,000 gal/Gr/Gr	7,000-26,999 gal/1000 gal											
30,000-49,999gal/1000 gal												
50,000-79,999gal/1000 gal												
100,000- gal/1000 gal												
Cape May Point - Desalination Water Treatment												
2024 Rates												
8000 gal minimum Gr/Gr												
10000 gal /1000 gal												
Annual Water Cost Breaks												
60,000 gal	\$624		\$328	\$609	\$949	\$361	\$342	\$361	\$342	\$676	\$671	\$641
90,000 gal	Ocean City 0	Sea Isle	Aspen 14.47	Stone Harbor 14.47	North Wildwood 6.37	Wildwood 6.37	West Wildwood 6.37	Wildwood Crest 6.37	Cape May 9.80	West Cape May 14.51		14.01
90,000 gal												
Annual Water Cost Breaks												
60,000 gal	\$624		\$328	\$609	\$955	\$382	\$362	\$382	\$362	\$676	\$671	\$641
90,000 gal	Ocean City 0	Sea Isle	Aspen 14.47	Stone Harbor 15.92	North Wildwood 6.37	Wildwood 6.37	West Wildwood 6.37	Wildwood Crest 6.37	Cape May 9.80	West Cape May 14.51		14.01
90,000 gal	13.73		5.47	11.48	15.92	6.37	6.37	6.37	6.37	9.80	14.51	14.01
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Let's Look at Various City Waste Water Rate Structures

Waste Water Ocean City

NJ AM WATER/CMCMUA 2024 Rates

Waste water Service charge * /100 gal	\$1.35
Waste water usage /100 gal	\$0.23250
Wastewater Improvement Charge	\$2.85
* Prior Summer Basis-Fixed Chrgs/100 gal	\$3.11310

Waste Water Sea Isle

SIC

2024 Rates

30,000 gallons/6 months - ANNUAL	\$892.00
1,000 gal Excess	\$2.00
Prior Summer Basis-Fixed Chrgs/100 gal	\$3.26814

Waste Water Avalon

Avalon/Middlesex

CMCMUA Annual/1000 gal/Qtr 3

2024 Rates

Q1 Sewer 5,000 gal	\$4.35
Q1 Sewer excess/gal	\$112.50
Q2 Sewer 10,000 gal	\$0.0037
Q2 Sewer excess/gal	\$112.50
Q3 Sewer 25,000 gal	\$0.0037
Q3 Sewer excess/gal	\$275.00
Q4 Sewer 10,000 gal	\$0.0037
Q4 Sewer excess/gal	\$112.50
	\$0.0037

Waste Water Stone Harbor

Stone Harbor

2024 Rates

CMCMUA Ann Chrg/Qtr - Prev Oct./1000 gal to 50,000 gal	\$6.50
CMCMUA Ann Chrg/Qtr - Prev Oct./1000 gal 50-80,000 gal	\$8.75
CMCMUA Ann Chrg/Qtr - Prev Oct./1000 gal in excess 80,000 gal	\$11.25

Waste Water Wildwoods

Wildwoods

Annual per 1,000 gal	\$6.00
Annual Summer per 1,000 gal	\$30.00
Minimum meter fee/year	\$126
Fixed Qrtly - West Wildwood	\$217

Waste Water Cape May

	CM 2024 Rates	WCM 2022 Rates	CMP 2023 Rates
Cape May			
5,000 minimum	\$71.40		
5,000 excess rate	\$18.10		
Qrtly Fee		\$165.00	
6500 gal/Qtr			\$116.29
Excess Rate > 1,000 gal			\$5.05

Waste Water

Waste Water Charges												
Sewer/Waste Water												
10/2025 POST FINAL DRAFT												
--- All amounts												
	Orange City	Draft/Free	See Use	Autism	Storm Harbor Prior Summer charge add	North Wilkesboro	Wilkesboro	West Wilkesboro	Wilkesboro Creek	Cape May	West Cape May	Cape May Point
NO NEW WASTES	2024 Rates											
Basic water service charge - 1700 gal	\$1.35											
Basic water usage 1700 gal	\$0.22000											
Basic Water Improvement Charge	\$1.95											
Prior Summer Basic Fixed Charge/100 gal	\$0.11000											
ISC												
30,000 gallons/6 months - ANNUAL			2024 Rates									
1,000 gal Excess			\$602.00									
Prior Summer Basic Fixed Charge/100 gal			\$0.00									
			\$0.28010									
Autism/Address												
CMCMUL Annual/1000 gal/Or 3				2024 Rates								
01 Sewer 5,000 gal				\$0.35								
02 Sewer excess/gal				\$112.50								
03 Sewer 10,000 gal				\$0.0037								
04 Sewer excess/gal				\$113.86								
05 Sewer excess/gal				\$0.0037								
06 Sewer 20,000 gal				\$0.0037								
07 Sewer excess/gal				\$0.0037								
08 Sewer 10,000 gal				\$112.50								
09 Sewer excess/gal				\$0.0037								
Storm Harbor					2024 Rates							
CMCMUL Ann Chrg/Or - Prior Oct/1000 gal to 50,000 gal					\$0.00							
CMCMUL Ann Chrg/Or - Prior Oct/1000 gal to 50,000 gal					\$0.75							
CMCMUL Ann Chrg/Or - Prior Oct/1000 gal in excess 50,000 gal					\$11.25							
Wilkesboro								2025 Rates				
Annual gal 1,000 gal								\$0.00	\$0.00			
Annual Excess per 1,000 gal								\$00.00	\$00.00	\$00.00		
Minimum meter fee/year								\$100	\$100	\$100		
Fixed Fee									\$211.00			
Cape May - Desalination Water Treatment										2024 Rates	WCM 2025 Rates	CMP 2025 Rates
\$,000 minimum										\$17.50		
\$,000 excess rate										\$18.10		
Orly Fee											\$143.00	
\$000 gal/Or											\$114.26	
Excess Rate > 1,000 gal											\$0.00	
Local Annual Waste Water Cost Break												
80,000 gal	\$1110		\$800	\$100	\$200	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1000	\$1010	\$600	\$600
\$1000 gal	Orange City	Draft/Free	See Use	Autism	Storm Harbor	North Wilkesboro	Wilkesboro	West Wilkesboro	Wilkesboro Creek	Cape May	West Cape May	Cape May Point
	\$1.96		14.87	13.00	0.47	20.10	20.10	14.50	20.10	16.83	11.00	10.81

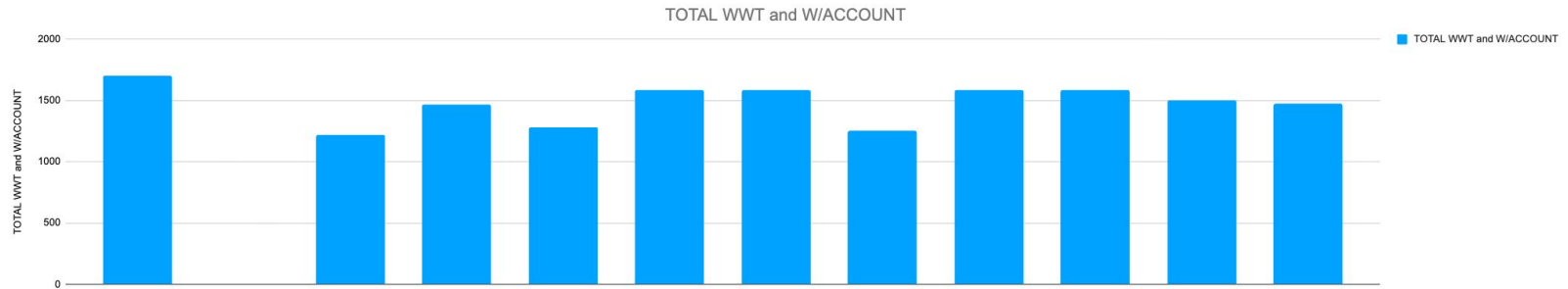


TOTAL Water and Wastewater Costs

Summer Quarter Flow Variation

Monthly Average Use

If NJAW summer look back at 16,900 gallons - yearly average flow



“Modeled” 60/30k gal/yr
Annual/Seasonal

10/30/25 POST FINAL DRAFT	Nj American Water	Wells and Septic Tanks	SIC Water and Sewer Dept.	Utility Service Affiliates, Middlesex Water Co.	BofSH Division of Utilities	Wildwood Water Utility	Wildwood Water Utility	Wildwood Water Utility	Wildwood Water Utility	Cape May Water and Sewer	West Cape May Water Department	CMP Water Utility
80,000 gal/accnt	Ocean City	Strathmere	Sea Isle	Avalon	Stone Harbor	North Wildwood	Wildwood	West Wildwood	Wildwood Crest	Cape May	West Cape May	Cape May Point
WASTE WATER TREATMENT												
Local Annual Waste Water Cost Basis	\$1918		\$892	\$780	\$325	\$1206	\$1206	\$870	\$1206	\$1010	\$660	\$637
Annual Water Cost Basis												
80,000 gal	\$824	\$0	\$328	\$689	\$955	\$382	\$382	\$382	\$382	\$576	\$841	\$841
TOTAL WWT and W/ACCOUNT	\$2741	\$0	\$1220	\$1469	\$1280	\$1588	\$1588	\$1252	\$1588	\$1585	\$1501	\$1478
-/+ OC		-\$2109	-\$1521	-\$1273	-\$1461	-\$1153	-\$1153	-\$1489	-\$1153	-\$1156	-\$1240	-\$1264
-/+ OC%			45%	54%	47%	58%	58%	46%	58%	58%	55%	54%
	Ocean City	Strathmere	Sea Isle	Avalon	Stone Harbor	North Wildwood	Wildwood	West Wildwood	Wildwood Crest	Cape May	West Cape May	Cape May Point
\$/1000 gal	45.69		20.33	24.48	21.33	26.47	26.47	20.87	26.47	26.42	25.01	24.63



Does New Jersey American Water reinvest in Ocean City's water and wastewater systems?

YES

Just try to drive through OC in the fall



Ocean City 10-Year Capital Plan – Key Project Summary

The capital plan is primarily an **asset renewal and reliability program**, with the majority of investment directed toward:

1. **Sewer collection system** replacement and rehabilitation.
2. **Lift station** modernization and resiliency.
3. **Water and sewer main replacement.**
4. **Groundwater well and treatment facility** upgrades.

Ocean City Water & Wastewater Investments 10-Yr					
Activity Year	Water		Wastewater		Total
2026*	\$	2,195,827	\$	5,625,727	\$ 7,821,554
2025	\$	3,291,851	\$	7,090,445	\$ 10,382,296
2024	\$	6,881,842	\$	11,341,703	\$ 18,223,545
2023	\$	8,274,391	\$	8,402,235	\$ 16,676,626
2022	\$	10,670,846	\$	6,935,815	\$ 17,606,661
2021	\$	9,623,469	\$	5,349,330	\$ 14,972,799
2020	\$	16,594,192	\$	4,593,597	\$ 21,187,788
2019	\$	5,206,683	\$	2,073,877	\$ 7,280,560
2018	\$	6,922,820	\$	5,212,043	\$ 12,134,864
2017	\$	8,516,101	\$	4,450,540	\$ 12,966,641
2016	\$	3,679,390	\$	2,984,822	\$ 6,664,212
10-Yr Totals	\$	81,857,411	\$	64,060,134	\$ 145,917,545

Compare 10 year Spending

	Ocean City - NJAW	Wildwood
Wells	9	5
Water Distribution	130	100
Wastewater mains - Gravity and Force Mains	85	60
Pump Stations	9	15
10 Year Cap Spending	\$146 million	\$45 million

City Rankings

Water	Wastewater	Total
Sea Isle	Stone Harbor **	Sea Isle
North Wildwood	Cape May Point	West Wildwood
Wildwood	West Cape May	Stone Harbor
West Wildwood	Avalon	Avalon
Wildwood Crest	West Wildwood	Cape May Point
Cape May	Sea Isle	West Cape May
Avalon	Cape May	Cape May
Stone Harbor *	North Wildwood	North Wildwood
Ocean City	Wildwood	Wildwood
Cape May Point	Wildwood Crest	Wildwood Crest
West Cape May	Ocean City	Ocean City

* Combined Water and Sewer

** Prior Summer Charge only

Summer WasteWater Treatment Costs

- Ocean City NJAW **\$3.11310/100 gal**
- Sea Isle **\$3.26814/100 gal**
- Avalon **\$275/25,000 gal**
\$0.0037/gal excess
- Stone Harbor combined rate
- Wildwoods **\$30/1000 gal**
- Cape May Point \$165/Qtr
\$5.05/1000 gal excess

Who has the lowest modeled Annual/Account Water and Wastewater Costs?

#1/11 Sea Isle \$1220

#2/11 West Wildwood \$1252

#11/11 Ocean City \$2741

ACTIONS

- BE FRUGAL WITH WATER USAGE
- CONTROL IRRIGATION
 - RAIN BARRELS
 - RAISE MOWER BLADES
 - SEPARATE WATER METER
- ENERGY STAR APPLIANCES
- USE A CAR WASH
- INSTALL DROUGHT TOLERANT PLANTS

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