



# Your Utility Company Newsletter

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## Update

City employees are in the process of determining what is needed to install a countdown clock to indicate time lapsed so speakers before the Council and commissions can tell how much time they have used when they are speaking.

## Residential Rebate Program

The City of Bandon offers assistance in conserving energy by having rebate forms available, answering questions, requesting audits and inspections and, in highly technical situations, offering a toll free number for additional assistance from Efficiency Services Group (ESG) staff. After the final inspection is complete, the City will process a rebate to the customer. The total of processed rebates for the month of November (2018) was \$2,266.37. The funds for these rebates come from Bonneville Power Authority.

We have exhausted rebate funds until after September 30, 2019, however, if customers are interested in a rebate, they may apply now and get pre-approved to partake in the program after October 2019. Pre-approval will let customers have the work done now and be reimbursed during the next funding cycle.

This conservation program covers items like insulation, efficient windows, efficient heating, and other energy efficient installations. If you need information about this program, the City’s contact person is Tammy Smith in the Public Works Department at the City Hall. Phone Number: 541-347-2437.

As of January 28, 2019, 87 plastic water bottles have been kept out of the landfill by people using the new water fountain in the City Hall.

### Wastewater Treatment Plant

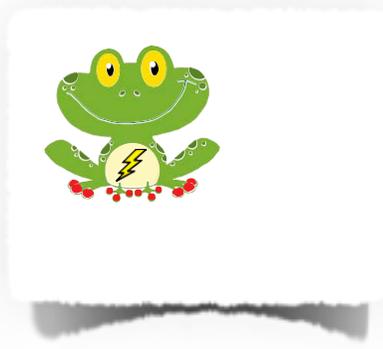
The City of Bandon has operated a public wastewater collection system since prior to 1936 and a wastewater treatment plant since 1970. Rapid growth in the 1980s and excessive infiltration and inflow (I/I) in the older parts of the system exceeded the capacity of the wastewater treatment plant and a new, larger plant was built in 1994.

In January of 2017 the City commissioned a flow-mapping of Inflow and Infiltration (I/I) to determine the quantities and sources of extraneous water that remain in the wastewater collection system. This will allow the City to get a better understanding of current capacities and determine the future size of the Ferry Creek influent pump station.

Infiltration and inflow can be an escalating problem that, left unchecked over time, will generate greater and greater sewer flows. Eventually I/I becomes so severe that lower system piping, pump stations, and treatment plants cannot adequately convey or handle the rainfall-induced flows. Ultimately, raw wastewater is either exfiltrated or bypassed into the surrounding environment.

We will be providing ongoing information updates in future newsletters.

Information above is from: City of Bandon, Inflow and Infiltration Identification Program, December 2017.



### Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) Update

Every two years BPA goes through public processes to establish their basic rates for a two-year cycle. The next rate cycle will be October 2019 through September 2021.

The City of Bandon purchases power from BPA. We are charged for generation and transmission to the City substations, where we take over and provide the local distribution to our customers.

BPA has sent the City an estimated cost for generation and will send an estimated increase for transmission in the near future.

Bandon likely will face another Spill Charge this Summer.

The City has preliminary information now but the actual fiscal impact to the City of Bandon has yet to be determined.

BPA has until July 2019 to release final numbers.