

"RE-BUILDING THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEMS FOR THE 21ST CENTURY"

Sewerage & Water Board of NEW ORLEANS

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Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Launches New, Improved Billing and Payment System

"Go-Live" Press Conference October 24

New Orleans—On Monday, Oct. 24, 2016, Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans Executive Director Cedric S. Grant, along with members of the Board of Directors, will announce the "Go-Live" launch of a **new, improved billing and payment system** that will offer customers more **efficiency, flexibility, convenience**, and **options** when it comes to managing their accounts.

The new billing system features include **24-hour account access**, **electronic billing options**, **payments by phone**, and a **usage-graph** showing how much water customers have used over the past 24 months. Each customer will receive a **new account number** and will have **24-hour access to their accounts by phone or online**. The new system allows customers the option of **electronic billing**. Customers will be able to enroll in monthly **automatic bill pay**. As an added convenience, credit card payments will be accepted in the lobby during business hours.

A demonstration of how the new billing system will work will also be presented during Monday's press conference.

WHO: Cedric S. Grant

Board of Directors

WHAT: Press Conference

Sewerage and Water Board's New Billing System

WHEN: Monday, Oct. 24, 2016

10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans

625 St. Joseph Street New Orleans, LA 70165 Board Room Second Floor

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A link to our website that includes our latest press releases is attached for your convenience. https://www.swbno.org/news_pressreleases.asp



Working Each Day to Enhance Your Customer Experience

Our New & Improved Billing System is Coming on October 24, 2016

24-HOUR ACCESS TO YOUR ACCOUNT

- Access to your account balance 24/7 by phone or internet
- Electronic reminders for payments and bank drafts
- Make payments by: phone or internet, check, or credit card
- Credit card payments accepted at S&WB of fice during business hours
- Phone Messages in English or Spanish

ABOUT THE NEW BILLING SYSTEM

- Everyone will have to re- enroll in the online payment system
- Customers using our monthly bank draft do not need to re-enroll
- Important Note: online payments cannot be scheduled between October 19 and October 24



Want to know how much water you've used over time?

Our new bill format includes a usage-graph with historical information for the past 24 months

Tired of paper bills?

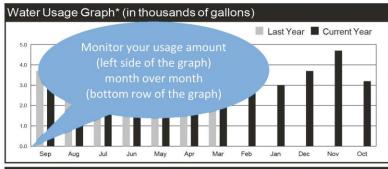
Our new system allows you to opt in to electronic billing if you prefer not to receive a paper copy in the mail.



SEWERAGE & WATER BOARD OF NEW ORLEANS 625 SAINT JOSEPH ST
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70165
52-WATER or (504) 5 Important Information about your account
Visit us on the web at www.swbno.org

Account Number		131000-566839
Service Address		2158 E ASONIATA ST
Total Due		\$83.83
Date Due		09/28/2016
Total Due After	09/28/2016	\$93.36

Meter	Service Class	Bill	Read Date	Reading	Read Type	Usage*	Days Of Use	Avg Usage/Day*
A312971	RESIDENTIAL	This Bill	09/02/2016	840.0	Estimate	3.8	31	0.12
		Last Bill	08/02/2016	836.2	Actual	3.1	32	0.10
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Important Information

If you are 62 years or older or disabled, and you are having trouble paying your bill, contact TCA at 504-324-8609 to see if you qualify for Water Help.

Look here for important message specific to your account, your street or your community

SAMPLE

Previous Activity	
Last Bill	\$74.27
Payment Received - Thank You	-\$74.27
Late Fees	\$0.00
Adjustments	\$0.00
Balance Forward	\$0.00

Current Activity	
Meter A312971	
Ready To Serve - Water for 5/8" Meter	\$5.94
Water Usage	\$17.24
Ready To Serve - Sewer	\$16.98
Sewer Volume Charge	\$19.09
Residential Sanitation Charges (1 unit)	\$24.00
City Sales Tax	\$0.58
Current Charges	\$83.83

Details of your current and previous month's charges

ONLY

Total Due (Balance Forward + Current Charges)

\$83.83

Please add \$1.00 to Your Payment for Water Help

PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN BOTTOM PORTION WITH PAYMENT IF PAYING BY MAIL



SEWERAGE & WATER BOARD 625 SAINT JOSEPH ST NEW ORLEANS, LA 70165-6501 Return Service Requested

 $\hfill \Box$ CHECK HERE FOR CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS. PLEASE COMPLETE FORM ON REVERSE SIDE.

SAMPLE BILL c/o TESSA BILL 1324 IONA ST NEW ORLEANS, LA 711

NEW!!! Payment Options and Services to make paying your bill easier

Account Number	Date Due	Total Due
131000-566839	09/28/2016	\$83.83
Total Du	Total Due After 09/28/2016	

Pay by Internet

To pay securely using credit card, debit card, or electronic check please visit us at www.swbno.org

Pay by Phone

To pay by using our automated phone system dial 1-504-529-2837 (available 24 hours, 7 days)
Pay by Mail

To pay by mail please return the bottom portion with payment. Make check payable to: Sewerage and Water Board 625 Saint Joseph St. Rm. 154, New Orleans, LA 70165-6501



Sewerage & Water Board of New Orleans

Monday, October 17th



Sewerage & Water Board received the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) 2016 Gold Award for Exceptional Utility Performance. The award was presented at the Executive Management Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona. S&WB won the 2016 Gold Award for its coordinated effort to rebuild its infrastructure with the Department of Public Works. The Board's SELA drainage and green infrastructure projects, its construction of a Water Hammer to mitigate water pressure loss, and its replacing 124 miles of water lines also played a role in the Board's winning the Gold Award.

Tuesday, October 18th



Mr. Grant delivered a talk on "Building the Next Generation Water Workforce" at the AMWA Conference. He discussed the challenges of managing an aging workforce while building a new generation of water employees. Grant highlighted the S&WB's Career Pathways Technical Training Program with Delgado Community College. The General Electric sponsored program builds a direct employee pipeline to the Sewerage & Water Board.

Thursday, October 20th



Sewerage and Water Board's Water Dogz Team was recognized for dedicated service to the people of New Orleans by the City Council at its regular meeting.

The Water Dogz is a competitive team consisting of employees working in various areas of the Board. The **team competes against other national and international utility teams**. The Water Dogz are the current **Louisiana Water Environment Association State Champions**.

Executive Director Cedric S. Grant, in remarking on the recognition, said "The Water Dogz team is an exemplary representation of the Board's overall commitment to **employee excellence**. We are proud of this acknowledgement from the City Council."