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Save the Date - Annual Meeting!



Del-Co Water will hold its annual business meeting on July 17th, 2025. Come learn about the significant work being done by your drinking water provider!

Del-Co Sustainability Efforts Working to Ensure a Greener Tomorrow

From campus projects to community outreach, Del-Co's Environmental Sustainability Committee has been hard at work on several initiatives building for a greener tomorrow. One such initiative is the continued conversion of formerly mowed areas into pollinator habitat, with nearly 40 acres now in various stages of restoration. We've got great partners – collaborating with Friends of the Lower Olentangy Watershed (FLOW), Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), Preservation Parks of Delaware County, and Pheasants Forever, to help ensure long-term success through a thoughtful maintenance plan.

We also maintain a campus tree nursery to support local tree plantings, some of which occur on Del-Co's property! This year, we're partnering with Delta Waterfowl to enhance wildlife habitat through new wood duck boxes and mallard nesting sites.

Finally, our floating solar panels continue soaking up the sun! In the past month alone, the system generated over 74 megawatt-hours (MWh) of clean energy. That's equivalent to preventing the use of 5,755 gallons of gasoline



and offsets nearly 90,000 pounds of carbon emissions, all while powering Del-Co's water treatment operations with renewable energy.

The future is looking bright here at Del-Co Water, just ask this Girl Scout Troop 6866 who toured our plant to earn their water badge!

Carol Prior – Project Manager



System Infrastructure Projects Wrapping up

Del-Co is wrapping up construction of three new water tanks and will have them in full operation by this fall. The tanks will increase our total water storage in the distribution system by 4.25 million gallons.

In addition, dirt has been moving on the Genoa Township Transmission Line Project! This project has been in the works since a preliminary study was completed back in 2016. We partnered with Elite Excavating and EMH&T to construct 2.5 miles of waterline consisting of 16–36-inch ductile iron pipe. We anticipate having the transmission line completed by spring of 2026. Big thank you to our community partners and customers for their patience and cooperation!

Judy Anderson, Project Engineer

Featured Tech: Proactive Leak Detection with the SeCorrPhon AC 200

As part of Del-Co's continued efforts to improve efficiency and reduce water loss, we're excited to highlight the Sewerin SeCorrPhon AC 200, a powerful, all-in-one acoustic leak detection tool now being utilized in field operations.

The AC 200 streamlines the leak detection process by combining correlation, pre-locating, and pinpointing functions into a single device. With its advanced digital signal processing and high-quality microphones, crews can now detect the faintest underground leaks even in high-noise environments.

This unit pinpoints leaks with minimal guesswork, saving time and excavation costs; provides real-time sound data; automatically adjusts filters and settings based on pipeline data; and can geo-tag leak locations for accurate mapping and record keeping.

At Del-Co, we've been using this technology to detect both customer-side and hard-to-find main line leaks. Recently, we were notified by a customer about their sump pump that was continually running. After multiple



samples and tests, we identified a leak caused by a broken, abandoned service line that was leaching into a storm drain and into the customers' sump pump. Using the sound detected through the pavement, we alerted our distribution crew, and the leak was repaired!

Andrew Coy – GIS Technician

Del-Co to Update Rate Structure on May 1, 2025

In the past decade, Del-Co's continued growth has led to a 50% increase in average daily water usage. An accompanying challenge has been that maximum water demands have increased more than 65% during the same period. While resources are sufficient to accommodate routine daily water use, the peaks resulting from excessive irrigation and lawn watering stress the system. Consequently, Del-Co Water is moving to an inclining rate structure that sends a price signal to encourage thoughtful lawn watering practices.

We are lowering the monthly base fee while eliminating the volume allowances and, beginning May 1, 2025, the monthly base fee for residential use will decline from \$15.00 to \$14.00. The first 4,000 gallons of water will be \$5.00 per 1,000 gallons; the next 6,000 gallons will be \$8.00 per 1,000 gallons; and anything above 10,000 gallons will be \$11.00 per 1,000 gallons.

Additionally, commercial customers will see lower monthly base rates and will move to a uniform rate of \$7.60 per 1,000 gallons. The uniform rate reflects commercial customers' consistent and predictable water use patterns, as compared to the seasonal variability often seen in residential use. Further details can be found on the Del-Co Water website: www.delcowater.org/water-rate/.

"We continue planning for future growth and have a responsibility to all customers to maintain a resilient, affordable supply of clean water. The purpose of the change is to raise customer awareness and encourage conservation whenever possible," said Glenn Marzluf, Del-Co Water Company CEO.

Rick Dunlap – Economic Development Director



By implementing best irrigating practices, you can do your part to reduce the demand on the water system. Please consider following the recommended watering guidelines by participating in an every other day schedule for watering your lawn and try to limit watering on Monday's to gardens only. Following these guidelines eases the strain caused by increased treatment and distribution of water to meet customer demands.

RECOMMENDED LAWN-WATERING SCHEDULE							
	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
ODD Addresses	X		✓		✓		✓
EVEN Addresses	X	✓		✓		✓	

For more Information visit our website @ <https://delcowater.org/water-conservation/>