

# INTERLAKE REGIONAL WATER BOARD

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## Understanding the language on your Interlake Water Utility Bill

You will find the following abbreviations and terms on your utility statement. The statement provides a summary section with the total charge for each service.

#### **Fixed Rates**

In our analogy, if you own a car, you will have incurred fixed prices just to have it, even if you let it sit in your garage and don't use it. You can think of your fixed charges as:

- Price you paid for the car
- Insurance
- License and registration

With regard to utilities, the fixed charge recognizes that much of the cost of operating and maintaining the utility infrastructure isn't dependent on how much of the consumption/commodity is used. The fixed charge considers the potential demand that a customer places on the system, so year round customers pay a higher fixed charge than involuntary seasonal customers do which is why there are two different classes in fixed charges.

The terms on your bill related to fixed charges are Connection/Service Charge fee for access to the RO Water.

### **Consumption/Commodity Charge**

In our analogy, this is the gas in your car. It is the thing you "consume" to get from point A to point B.

On your bill, the consumption/commodity charges are how much you pay for the amount of water you take from the pipes is your consumption/commodity charge for water.

Utility charges cover the treatment and distribution of safe, reliable RO water for households, businesses, and fire protection.

#### **Resort Village of Cochin Water Distribution Lines**

Interlake Water Utility does not own the distribution lines in the village of Cochin they are owned by the village and any replacement by the village would have to be done by local improvements. Separate from Interlake water utility.