

## OCWA 2021 Water Supply Statement

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The Onondaga County Water Authority is a public benefit corporation created in 1951 (and began operating in 1955) in accordance with the Public Authorities Law of the State of New York. The Authority was created to finance, construct, operate and maintain a water supply and distribution system for the benefit of the residents in and around Onondaga County. OCWA is one of the 125 largest publicly owned water suppliers in the United States.

The Distribution System Map (found on Page 6) shows the typical service area for each of the three water sources. Wholesale and retail areas within the county are both included. In retail areas the Authority supplies the water, maintains the distribution system and bills the customer directly. In wholesale areas, a municipality or water district buys some or all of its water from the Authority. Wholesale systems maintain their own distribution and customer billing systems. Some key facts about our operation can be found in the OCWA Statistics Table found below:

### **OCWA Statistics:**

#### **For 2021:**

Daily Average System Delivery	35.24 Million Gallons per Day
Maximum Day System Delivery (05/26/21)	46.10 Million Gallons per Day
Average Daily Unmetered Water Use	4.77 Million Gallons per Day
Total Annual Delivered by OCWA	12.83 Billion Gallons
Total Water Treated by OCWA	12.47 Billion Gallons
Total Annual Purchased Water from Syracuse	0.36 Billion Gallons

#### **As of December 31, 2021:**

Population Served	500,000 Retail & Wholesale
Accounts	105,277
Miles of Water Main	2,210
Number of Hydrants	14,028
Storage Facilities	63
Pumping Facilities	48

The residential user charge is based on a quarterly billing consisting of a base system fee plus a usage rate for water used. For 2021, residential users were billed \$36.60 for the base system fee plus \$2.93 per 1,000 gallons for the first 10,000 gallons used. A detailed description and charges for other customers can be found on our website.

For a more detailed explanation of water sources and the treatment processes employed by the Onondaga County Water Authority and its one wholesale water provider (the City of Syracuse Water Department) please see pages 7 and 8.

For questions about this report, or questions in general related to your water or water supply, a list of phone numbers and contacts can be found on Page 25 of this report.