

**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**  
**WASTEWATER A, B, C & D FORMULA SHEET AND CONVERSION FACTORS 10-09**

12 in= 1 ft	27 cu. ft. = 1 cu. yd.	1000 mg = 1 gm
3 ft= 1 yd	7.48 gal= 1 cu. ft.	1000 gm = 1 kg
5280 ft= 1 mi	8.34 lbs= 1 gal	1000 ml = 1 liter
144 sq. in. = 1 sq. ft.	62.4 lbs= 1 cu. ft.	2.31 ft water = 1 psi
43,560 sq. ft.= 1 acre	1 grain / gal= 17.1 mg/L	0.433 psi = 1 ft water
60 sec = 1 min	60 min = 1 hour	1440 min = 1 day
10,000 mg/L = 1%	454 gm = 1 lb.	43,560 sq. ft.= 1 acre

**TEMPERATURE CONVERSIONS**

$$C^{\circ} \text{ to } F^{\circ} = C^{\circ} \times 1.8 + (32)$$

$$F^{\circ} \text{ to } C^{\circ} = \frac{(F^{\circ} - 32)}{1.8}$$

**VELOCITIES and FLOW RATES**

$$1. \quad V = \frac{\text{distance, feet}}{\text{time, min}}$$

$$2. \quad Q = V \times A \quad (\text{Flow rate} = \text{velocity, ft / sec} \times \text{area, sq. ft.})$$

**DETENTION TIME**

$$1. \quad \text{Det. Time} = \frac{\text{tank cap. (gal)} \times (24 \text{ hours/day})}{\text{rate of flow (gal / time)}}$$

**PARTS PER MILLION / POUNDS**

$$1. \quad \text{mg/L} = \frac{\text{pounds of chemical}}{(8.34 \text{ lbs / gal} \times \text{MG})}$$

$$2. \quad \text{lbs} = 8.34 \text{ lbs / gal} \times \text{mg/L} \times \text{MG}$$

**SEDIMENTATION AND LOADINGS**

$$1. \quad \text{Weir overflow, gal / day / ft} = \frac{\text{total flow, gal / day}}{\text{length of weir, ft.}}$$

$$2. \quad \text{Surface loading, gal / day / sq.ft.} = \frac{\text{influent flow, gal / day}}{\text{surface area, sq. ft.}}$$

$$3. \quad \text{Solids loading, lbs / day / sq. ft.} = \frac{\text{solids applied, lbs / day}}{\text{surface area, sq. ft.}}$$

$$4. \quad \text{Efficiency, \%} = \frac{(\text{in}) - (\text{out})}{(\text{in})} \times 100\%$$

5. Hydraulic loading, gal / day / sq.ft. =  $\frac{\text{flow rate, gal / day}}{\text{surface area, sq. ft.}}$
6. Trickling Filter Organic loading, lbs CBOD / day / 1000 cu. Ft. =  $\frac{\text{CBOD applied, lbs / day}}{\text{vol. of media in 1000 cu. Ft.}}$
7. Soluble CBOD, mg/L = total CBOD, mg/L - (K x suspended solids, mg/L)  
(where K = 0.5 to 0.7 for most domestic wastewaters)
8. RBC Organic Loading, lbs CBOD/day/1000 sq.ft. =  $\frac{\text{soluble CBOD applied, lbs/day}}{\text{Surface area of media, 1000 sq.ft.}}$

### ACTIVATED SLUDGE

1. SVI =  $\frac{30 \text{ min settling, mL/L}}{\text{MLSS, mg/L}} \times 1,000$
2. SDI =  $\frac{100}{\text{SVI}}$
3. Solids inventory, lbs = (Tank cap, MG) x (MLSS, mg/L) x (8.34 lbs / gal)
4. Sludge age, days =  $\frac{\text{solids under aeration, lbs}}{\text{solids added, lbs / day}}$
5. F/M =  $\frac{(\text{inf CBOD, mg/L}) \times (\text{Flow, MGD}) \times (8.34 \text{ lbs / gal})}{(\text{Aeration tank cap, MG}) \times (\text{MLVSS, mg/L}) \times (8.34 \text{ lbs / gal})}$
6. MCRT =  $\frac{\text{solids inventory, lbs}}{(\text{effluent solids, lbs}) + (\text{WAS solids, lbs})}$
7. WAS, lbs / day =  $\frac{(\text{Solids inventory, lbs})}{\text{MCRT, days}} - (\text{Solids lost in effluent, lbs / day})$
8. WAS flow, MGD =  $\frac{\text{WAS, lbs/day}}{(\text{WAS, mg/L}) \times (8.34 \text{ lbs / gal})}$
9. Change, WAS rate, MGD =  $\frac{(\text{current solids inventory, lbs}) - (\text{desired solids inventory, lbs})}{\text{WAS, mg/L} \times 8.34 \text{ lbs / gal}}$
10. Return sludge rate, MGD =  $\frac{(\text{set. Solids, mL}) \times (\text{flow, MGD})}{(1,000 \text{ mL}) - (\text{set. solids, mL})}$

## SLUDGE DIGESTION

1. Dry solids, lbs = 
$$\frac{(\text{raw sludge, gal}) \times (\text{raw sludge, \% solids}) \times (8.34 \text{ lbs / gal})}{100 \%}$$
2. VS pumped, lbs / d = 
$$\frac{(\text{ret. Sludge, gal / day}) (\text{ret. sludge solids, \%}) (\text{ret. sludge vol., \%}) (8.34 \text{ lbs / gal})}{(100\%) (100\%)}$$
3. Seed Sludge, lbs volatile solids = 
$$\frac{\text{VS pumped, lbs VS / day}}{\text{loading factor, lbs VS / day / lb VS in digester}}$$
4. Seed Sludge, gal = 
$$\frac{\text{seed sludge, lbs volatile solids}}{(\text{seed sludge, lbs / gal}) \times \frac{(\text{solids \%})}{100\%} \times \frac{(\text{VS \%})}{100\%}}$$
5. Lime req'd, lbs = 
$$(\text{sludge, MG}) \times (\text{volatile acids, mg/L}) \times (8.34 \text{ lbs / gal})$$
6. Reduction of Volatile Solids, % = 
$$\frac{(\text{in} - \text{out}) \times 100\%}{\text{in} - (\text{in} \times \text{out})}$$
7. VS destroyed, lbs / day / cu. ft. = 
$$\frac{(\text{VS added, lbs / day}) (\text{VS reduction, \%})}{(\text{digester volume, cu. ft.}) (100\%)}$$
8. Gas production, cu. ft. / lb VS = 
$$\frac{\text{gas produced, cu. ft. / day}}{\text{VS destroyed, lbs / day}}$$

## HORSEPOWER, FORCE, CHEMICAL PUMPS

1. Water HP = 
$$\frac{(\text{flow, gal / min}) \times (\text{head, ft})}{3,960}$$
2. BHP = 
$$\frac{(\text{flow, gal / min}) \times (\text{head, ft.})}{(3,960 \times \text{Pump Efficiency, \%})}$$
3. Motor HP = 
$$\frac{(\text{flow, gal / min}) \times (\text{head, ft})}{(3,960) \times (\text{Pump Efficiency, \%}) \times (\text{Motor Efficiency, \%})}$$
4. Upward force, lbs = 
$$62.4 \text{ lbs / cu. ft.} \times \text{ground water height over tank bottom, ft} \times \text{area, sq.ft.}$$
5. Side wall force, lbs = 
$$(31.2 \text{ lbs / cu. ft.}) \times (\text{height, ft})^2 \times (\text{length, ft})$$
6. Chemical sol'n, lbs / gal = 
$$\frac{(\text{sol'n \%}) \times (8.34 \text{ lbs / gal})}{100\%}$$
7. Feed pump flow, gal / day = 
$$\frac{\text{chemical feed, lbs / day}}{\text{chemical solution, lbs / gal}}$$
8. Scale setting, % = 
$$\frac{(\text{desired flow, gal / day}) (100 \%)}{\text{maximum feed rate, gal / day}}$$

9. Brake Horsepower =  $\frac{(\text{Power to elec. motor}) (\text{Motor Eff.})}{.746 \text{ kw/Hp}}$
10. Pump Efficiency, % =  $\frac{\text{Water Horsepower, Hp} \times 100\%}{\text{Brake Horsepower, Hp}}$
11. Total Dynamic Head, ft. = Static Head, ft. + Friction Losses, ft.
12. Static Head = Suction Lift, ft. + Discharge Head, ft.

### LAB PROCEDURES AND MEASUREMENTS

1. TSS, mg/L =  $\frac{(\text{RDD} - \text{DD})}{\text{sample vol, mL}} \times 1 \text{ M}$

2. VSS, mg/L =  $\frac{(\text{RDD} - \text{FDD})}{\text{sample vol, mL}} \times 1 \text{ M}$

where: RDD = dried residue + dish + disc (filter), grams  
 DD = dish + disc, grams  
 FDD = fired residue + dish + disc, grams  
 1 M = 1,000,000

3. VSS, % =  $\frac{\text{volatile solids, mg/L}}{\text{total suspended solids, mg/L}} \times 100\%$

4. CBOD sample size, mL =  $\frac{1,200}{\text{estimated CBOD, mg/L}}$

5. Seed correction, mg/L, for 1 mL seed =  $\frac{\text{seed initial D.O.} - \text{seedf final D.O.}}{\text{mL seed added}}$

6. CBOD, mg/L =  $\frac{[(\text{initial DO} - \text{Final DO}) - \text{seed correction factor}] \times (\text{bottle volume, mL})}{\text{sample volume, mL}}$

### DISINFECTION

Chlorine Demand, mg/L = Chlorine Dosage, mg/L – Chlorine Residual, mg/L

Chlorine Dosage, mg/L = Chlorine Demand, mg/L + Chlorine Residual, mg/L