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#### **Basic Wastewater Math**

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## **Conversion/Formula Sheet**

- Corrections
- How to use portions of the document



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### Conversions

- Utilizing conversions
- Changes units but not magnitude
- Essentially multiplication by "1"

$$\frac{3}{3} = 1 = \frac{12in}{1 \text{ ft}} = \frac{1ft}{12 \text{ in}} = 1$$

Important to include units



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### 1. Convert 3.2 miles to feet

- Find the correct conversion factor (Page 3)
- 1 mile = 5,280 ft

$$\frac{3.2 \text{ miles}}{1} \times \frac{5,280 \text{ ft.}}{1} = 16,896 \text{ ft.}$$

# 2. 3.2 acres to sq.ft.

- Find the correct conversion factor (Page 1)
- $1 \text{ acre} = 43,560 \text{ ft}^2$

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$$\frac{3.2 \text{ acres}}{1} \times \frac{43,560 \text{ ft.}^2}{\text{acres}} = 139,392 \text{ ft.}^2$$

## 3. 678,754 cu.ft to acre-ft.

- Find the correct conversion factor (Page 1)
- 1 acre-ft =  $43,560 \text{ ft}^3$

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$$\frac{678,754 \,\text{ft}^3}{1} \times \frac{1 \,\text{ac-ft}}{43,560 \,\text{ft.}^3} = 15.58 \,\text{ac-ft}.$$

# 4. 3.7 MGD to gpm

- Find the correct conversion factor (Page 3)
- 1 MGD = 694.4 gpm

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# $\frac{3.7 \text{ MGD}}{1}$ x $\frac{694.4 \text{ gpm}}{1 \text{ MGD}} = 2,569.3 \text{ gpm}$



- 5. 1,250 gpm to cfs
- Find the correct conversion factor (Page 3)
- $1 \text{ ft}^{3}/\text{sec} = 449 \text{ gpm}$

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$$\frac{1,250\,\text{gpm}}{1} \times \frac{1\,\text{ft}^3/\text{sec}}{449\,\text{gpm}} = 2.78\,\text{ft}^3/\text{sec}$$

# 6. 0.9 cfs to MGD

- Find the correct conversion factor (Page 3)
- 1 ft<sup>3</sup>/sec = 0.6463 MGD or 1 MGD = 1.547 cfs

# $\frac{0.9 \text{ ft}^{3}/\text{sec}}{1} \times \frac{0.6463 \text{ MGD}}{1 \text{ ft}^{3}/\text{sec}} = 0.58 \text{ MGD}$

# 7. 768 gpm to acre-ft/day

- Find the correct conversion factor (Page 3)
- 1 MGD = 3.07 acre-ft/day and 1 MGD = 694.4gpm

= 3.4 ac-ft/day

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# 8. 5.6 MGD to cfs

- Find the correct conversion factor (Page 3)
- 1 ft<sup>3</sup>/sec = 0.6463 MGD or 1 MGD = 1.547 cfs

# $\frac{5.6 \text{ MGD}}{1} \times \frac{1 \text{ ft}^3/\text{sec}}{0.6463 \text{ MGD}} = 8.66 \text{ ft}^3/\text{sec}$



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- 9. 25°C to °F
- Find the correct formula (Page 10)
- $^{\circ}F = (^{\circ}C \times 1.8) + 32$

#### $(25^{\circ}C \times 1.8) + 32 = 77^{\circ}F$



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- 10. 90°F to °C
- Find the correct formula (Page 10)
- (°F 32) x (0.556) (corrected)

#### $(90^{\circ}F - 32) \times 0.556 = 32.2^{\circ}C$



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- 11. Determine the surface area (exposed water area) of a rectangular clarifier, in sq. ft., if the clarifier is 74 feet in length and 32 feet in width.
- Find the correct formula (Page 4)



# Number 11 Calculation

• Length (I) x Width (w)

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#### 74 ft. × 32 ft. = $2,368 \text{ ft}^2$

12. A circular clarifier has a diameter of72 feet and a depth of 31 feet.Determine the surface area (exposed water area) of the clarifier in sq. ft.

• Find the correct formula (Page 4)

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• 0.785D<sup>2</sup>

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• 0.785 x D x D

#### $0.785 \times 72 \text{ ft.} \times 72 \text{ ft.} = 4,069 \text{ ft}^2$

13. A trickling filter is 58 feet in diameter and has a media depth of 6 feet. Determine the surface area of the media of the trickling filter, in sq. ft.

• Find the correct formula (Page 4)

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#### $0.785 \times 58$ ft. x 58 ft. = 2,641 ft<sup>2</sup>



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14. A pond has a width of 380 feet and a length of 540 feet. Determine the surface area of the pond in acres.

- Find the correct formula (Page 9)
- $A = [(L) \times (W)]/(43,560 \text{ ft}^2/\text{ac})$

## Number 14 Calculation

(Length (I) x Width (w))/(43,560 ft<sup>2</sup>/ac)

(540 ft. × 380 ft.) ÷(43,560 ft<sup>2</sup>/acre)

= 4.7 acres

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15. Determine the cross-sectional area, in sq. ft., of the flow in a grit channel which is 2.5 feet in width and flowing to a depth of 1 foot, 3 inches.

• Find the correct formula (Page 4)

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## Number 15 Calculation

• Length (I) x Width (w)

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- Step 1 is to convert to the same units.
- 1 ft. 3 inches = 1.25 ft.

#### 2.5 ft. x 1.25 ft. = $3.1 \text{ ft}^2$



- Determine the cross-sectional area, in square inches, of a pipe which is 18 inches in diameter.
- Find the correct formula (Page 4)







• 0.785D<sup>2</sup>

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• 0.785 x D x D

#### $0.785 \times 18$ in. x 18 in. = 254.34 sq.in.

# 17. A rectangular clarifier is 58 feet in length, 24 feet in width, and 18 feet in depth. Determine the volume in cubic feet.

• Find the correct formula (Page 4)

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# Number 17 Calculation

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• Length (I) x Width (w) x Height (h)

#### 58 ft. x 24 ft. x 18 ft. = 25,056 ft<sup>3</sup>

# 18. A rectangular clarifier is 62 feet in length, 31 feet in width, and 24 feet in depth. Determine the volume in gallons.

• Find the correct formula (Page 4)



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Rectangular Tank = (l) X (w) X (h)

## Number 18 Calculation

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• Length (I) x Width (w) x Height (h)

62 ft. x 31 ft. x 24 ft. = 46,128 ft<sup>3</sup>

• Cubic feet must be converted to gallons.  $\frac{46,128 \text{ ft}^{3}}{1} \times \frac{7.48 \text{ gals}}{1 \text{ ft}^{3}} = 345,037 \text{ gals}$  19. A circular clarifier is 71 feet in diameter and has a depth of 22 feet. Determine the volume of the clarifier in cubic feet.

• Find the correct formula (Page 4)

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# Number 19 Calculation

- (0.785) x (D<sup>2</sup>) x (h)
- 0.785 x D x D x h

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#### 0.785 x 71 ft. x 71 ft. x 22 ft. = 87,058 ft<sup>3</sup>

20. A circular clarifier is 64 feet in diameter and a depth of 22 feet. Determine the volume of the clarifier in million gallons.

• Find the correct formula (Page 4)

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# Number 20 Calculation

- (0.785) x (D<sup>2</sup>) x (h)
- 0.785 x D x D x h

## 0.785 x 64 ft. x 64 ft. x 22 ft. = 70,738 ft<sup>3</sup>

Cubic feet must be converted to million gallons

 $\frac{70,738 \text{ ft}^3 \text{ x}}{1 \text{ x}} \frac{7.48 \text{ gals}}{1,000,000 \text{ gals}} = 0.53 \text{ MG}$ 



• Find the correct formula (Page 4)

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Typical shape of ponds but for basic math only the surface area will be calculated.



Rectangular Tank = (l) X (w) X (h)

# Number 21 Calculation

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• Length (I) x Width (w) x Height (h)

### 388 ft. × 272 ft. × 6 ft. = 633,216 ft<sup>3</sup>

# 22. A pond has a width of 450 feet, a length of 675 feet, and a depth of 5 feet. Determine the volume of the pond in

## acre-feet.

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Find the correct formula (Page 4 and Page 1)



Rectangular Tank = (l) X (w) X (h)

# Number 22 Calculation

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• Length (I) x Width (w) x Height (h)

675 ft. × 450 ft. × 5 ft. = 1,518,750 ft<sup>3</sup>

Cubic feet must be converted to acre-feet

 $\frac{1,518,750 \,\text{ft}^3}{1} \times \frac{1 \,\text{acre-foot}}{43,560 \,\text{ft}^3} = 34.87 \,\text{ac-ft}$ 



 $\frac{24 \text{ ft}}{32 \text{ sec}} = 0.75 \text{ ft/sec}$ 

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- Find the correct formula (Page 5)
- Q = (w) x (d) x (V)





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Q = (A) X (V)

# Number 24 Calculation

### • $Q = (w) \times (d) \times (V)$

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## 3 ft. x 2 ft. x 2 ft./sec = $12 \text{ ft}^3/\text{sec}$

25. Determine the flow rate, in million
gallons per day, in a channel that is 2
feet in width, 2 feet in depth, flowing
half-full at a velocity of 0.9 feet per
second.

- Find the correct formula (Page 5)
- Q = (w) x (d) x (V)



# Number 25 Calculation

•  $Q = (w) \times (d) \times (V)$ 

- 2 ft. x 1 ft. x 0.9 ft/sec = 1.8 ft<sup>3</sup>/sec
  - Cubic feet/sec must be converted to MGD
- $\frac{1.8 \text{ ft}^{3}/\text{sec}}{1} \times \frac{1 \text{ MGD}}{0.6463 \text{ ft}^{3}/\text{sec}} = 2.79 \text{ MGD}$

An 18-inch pipe is flowing full at a
 velocity of 2.1 feet per second.
 Determine the flow rate in cubic feet per second.
 second.

- Find the correct formula (Page 5)
- Q = (0.785) x (D)<sup>2</sup> x (V)





- $Q = 0.785 \times D \times D \times V$
- 18 inches = 1.5 ft.

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# $0.785 \times 1.5 \text{ ft.} \times 1.5 \text{ ft.} \times 2.1 \text{ ft./sec}$ = 3.71 ft<sup>3</sup>/sec

27. A 24-inch pipe if flowing full at a
 velocity of 1.1 feet per second.
 Determine the flow rate in gallons per minute.

- Find the correct formula (Page 5)
- Q = (0.785) x (D)<sup>2</sup> x (V)





- Q = 0.785 x D x D x V
- 24 inches = 2 ft.

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# $0.785 \times 2 \text{ ft.} \times 2 \text{ ft.} \times 1.1 \text{ ft./sec}$ = 3.45 ft<sup>3</sup>/sec

 $\frac{3.45 \text{ ft}^{3}\text{/sec}}{1} \times \frac{449 \text{ gpm}}{1 \text{ ft}^{3}\text{/sec}} = 1,549 \text{ gpm}$ 

# 28. Determine the detention time, in hours, for a rectangular clarifier that is 68 feet in length, 27 feet in width, and 18 feet in depth if the flow into the clarifier is 2.6 MGD.

• Find the correct formula (Page 11)

 $DT = (V) \times (24 \text{ hr.}/\text{day})$ 







29. A rectangular clarifier is 65 feet in
 length, 23 feet in width, and has an
 operating depth of 17 feet. Determine
 the detention time, in hours, if the flow
 into the clarifier is 1.1 MGD.

• Find the correct formula (Page 11)

 $DT = (V) \times (24 \text{ hr.}/\text{day})$ 









• Find the correct formula (Page 11)

 $DT = (V) \times (24 \text{ hr./day})$ 

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31. Determine the detention time in a
clarifier, in hours, that has a diameter of
64 feet and a depth of 18 feet if the flow
into the clarifier is 1.5 MGD.

• Find the correct formula (Page 11)

 $DT = (V) \times (24 \text{ hr./day})$ 







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32. Determine the detention time in a pond that has a surface area of 12.6 acres, a depth of 5 feet, and an average daily flow of 0.9 MGD.

- Find the correct formula (Page 11 and Page 1)
- DT = (V)/(Q)
  - Detention time: days
  - Volume: acre-ft
  - Flow: acre-ft/day



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# Number 32 Calculation DT = (V)/(Q)

12.6 acres x 5 ft. = 63 ac-ft

 $\frac{0.9 \text{ MGD}}{1} \times \frac{3.07 \text{ ac-ft/day}}{1 \text{ MGD}} = 2.6 \text{ ac-ft/day}$ 

 $\frac{63 \text{ ac-ft}}{2.6 \text{ ac-ft/day}} = 24 \text{ days}$ 



33. Determine the detention time in a pond that has a surface area of 18 acres, a depth of 6 feet, and an average daily flow of 0.8 MGD.

- Find the correct formula (Page 11 and Page 1)
- DT = (V)/(Q)

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- Detention time: days
- Volume: acre-ft
- Flow: acre-ft/day



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# Number 33 Calculation DT = (V)/(Q)

18 acres x 6 ft. = 108 ac-ft

 $\frac{0.8 \text{ MGD}}{1} \times \frac{3.07 \text{ ac-ft/day}}{1 \text{ MGD}} = 2.5 \text{ ac-ft/day}$ 

 $\frac{108 \text{ ac-ft}}{2.5 \text{ ac-ft/day}} = 43 \text{ days}$ 

# 34. Determine the surface overflow rate on a clarifier if the diameter of the clarifier is 62 feet in diameter, the depth is 18 feet, and the average daily flow is 2.1 MGD.

- Find the correct formula (Page 10 and Page 4)
- Surface loading rate or Surface overflow rate = <u>Flow</u>

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# Number 34 Calculation <u>Q, gpd</u> Area, ft<sup>2</sup>

# $0.785 \times 62$ ft. x 62 ft. = 3,018 ft<sup>2</sup> 2.1 MGD = 2,100,000 gal/day

 $\frac{2,100,000 \text{ gpd}}{3,018 \text{ ft}^2} = 696 \text{ gpd/ft}^2$ 

35. Determine the surface overflow rate
on a clarifier if the diameter of the
clarifier is 62 feet in diameter, the depth
is 22 feet, and the average daily flow 1.3
MGD.

- Find the correct formula (Page 10 and Page 4)
- Surface loading rate or Surface overflow rate = <u>Flow</u>

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Number 35 Calculation Q, gpd Area, ft<sup>2</sup>

 $0.785 \times 62$  ft. x 62 ft. = 3,018 ft<sup>2</sup> 1.3 MGD = 1,300,000 gal/day

 $\frac{1,300,000 \text{ gpd}}{3,018 \text{ ft}^2} = 431 \text{ gpd/ft}^2$
36. Determine the hydraulic loading on
a trickling filter if the trickling filter is 65
feet in diameter and is receiving a flow
of 1.4 MGD.

 Find the correct formula (Page 10 and Page 4)

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 Surface loading rate or Surface overflow rate = <u>Flow</u>

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## Number 36 Calculation <u>Q, gpd</u> Area, ft<sup>2</sup>

## $0.785 \times 65$ ft. $\times 65$ ft. = 3,317 ft<sup>2</sup>

1.4 MGD = 1,400,000 gal/day

 $\frac{1,400,000 \text{ gpd}}{3,317 \text{ ft}^2} = 422 \text{ gpd/ft}^2$ 

37. A trickling filter that is receiving 1.8 MGD is 74 feet in diameter and the media depth is 5 feet. What is the hydraulic loading?

- Find the correct formula (Page 10 and Page 4)
- Surface loading rate or Surface overflow rate = <u>Flow</u>

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 $\frac{1,800,000 \text{ gpd}}{4,299 \text{ ft}^2} = 419 \text{ gpd/ft}^2$ 

38. A pond receives an average daily
 flow of 0.9 MGD. The surface area of
 the pond is 64 acres. Determine the
 hydraulic loading on the pond in
 inches/day.

- Find the correct formula (Page 9)
- HLR = [(Q)/(A)] x 12 in/ft. = inches/day
- Q: acre-ft/day
- Area: acres



 $\frac{0.9 \text{ MGD}}{1} \times \frac{3.07 \text{ ac-ft/day}}{1 \text{ MGD}} = 2.5 \text{ ac-ft/day}$ 

[(2.5.ac-ft/day)/(64 acres)] x 12 in/ft.

= 0.47 in/day

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39. A pond is receiving 0.8 MGD. The
pond has a surface area of 16 acres and
a depth of 6 feet. What is the hydraulic
Ioading in inches/day?

- Find the correct formula (Page 9)
- HLR = [(Q)/(A)] x 12 in/ft. = inches/day
- Q: acre-ft/day

Area: acres



 $\frac{0.8 \text{ MGD}}{1} \times \frac{3.07 \text{ ac-ft/day}}{1 \text{ MGD}} = 2.5 \text{ ac-ft/day}$ 

[(2.5\_ac-ft/day) / (16 acres)] x 12 in/ft.

= 1.9 in/day

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40. Determine the weir overflow rate for a clarifier that has a diameter of 62 feet and is receiving a flow of 1.9 MGD.

- Find the correct formula (Page 5)
- Overflow rate = (Q)/(L)

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• Circumference =  $(\pi) \times (D)$ 





- Find the correct formula (Page 5)
- Overflow rate = (Q)/(L)

• Circumference =  $(\pi) \times (D)$ 



42. Determine the population loading
 for a pond that receives 0.8 MGD, has a
 surface area of 22 acres, and serves a
 population of 4600 persons.

- Find the correct formula (Page 9)
- PL = (Population)/(A)



## = 209 persons/acres

43. Determine the demand if the dosage applied to the flow is 2.8 mg/L and the residual is 1.1 mg/L.

- Find the correct formula (Page 6)
- Dose = Demand + Residual

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Dose – Residual = Demand

2.8 mg/L - 1.1 mg/L = 1.7 mg/L

44. The chlorine residual is 0.9 mg/L
and the demand is 2.3 mg/L. What is
the dosage that should be applied to the wastewater?

- Find the correct formula (Page 6)
- Dose = Demand + Residual

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2.3 mg/L + 0.9 mg/L = 3.2 mg/L



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45. Determine the feed rate, in pounds per day of chlorine gas, if the flow through the plant is 1.3 MGD and the dosage to maintain the desired residual is 4.2 mg/L.

- Find the correct formula (Page 6)
- Feed rate = (d) x (Q) x (8.34 lbs./gal)
- 4.2 mg/L x 1.3 MGD x 8.34 lbs./gal

= 46 lbs./day

46. The dosage required to maintain the desired residual 4.1 mg/L. How many pounds per day of gaseous chlorine must be feed if the flow is 0.8 MGD?

- Find the correct formula (Page 6)
- Feed rate = (d) x (Q) x (8.34 lbs./gal)

## 4.1 mg/L x 0.8 MGD x 8.34 lbs./gal

= 28 lbs./day (Explain the rounding)



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47. Determine the feed rate, in pounds per day, if the flow through the plant is 0.84 MGD, the required dosage is 3.4 mg/L and you are applying HTH with an availability of 65%. • Find the correct formula (Page 6)

- Feed rate =  $(d) \times (Q) \times (8.34 \text{ lbs./gal})$ **Chemical Purity**
- 3.4 mg/L x 0.84 MGD x 8.34 lbs./qal 0.65

= 37 lbs./day

48. A WWTP is using 5% sodium hypochlorite to disinfect the effluent. If the required dosage is 4.1 mg/L and the flow 0.5 MGD, how many pounds per day will need to be fed to the flow?

• Find the correct formula (Page 6)

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- Feed rate = (d) x (Q) x (8.34 lbs./gal)
   Chemical Purity
- <u>4.1 mg/L X 0.5 MGD X 8.34 lbs./gal</u> 0.05
  - = 342 lbs./day