

Public Notice

Charleston Water System 2012 Water and Sewer Rates Effective December 1, 2011

Beginning December 1, 2011, CWS water rates will increase by an average of 4.5% and sewer rates will increase by an average of 5.5%.

The rate increases are averages because the exact percentage increase depends on how much water you use, where you live, and the size pipe that serves your home or business.

For the typical residential customer in the City of Charleston who uses 5,000 gallons of water per month (7 Ccf), the rate increase amounts to an additional \$3.40 per month on the combined water and sewer bill.

Typical residential water customers who live outside the City of Charleston will see an increase of \$1.35 on their monthly water bill.

This is the second in a three-year series of rate increases that were approved by CWS's Board of Commissioners on September 28, 2010.

Revenue generated by the rate increases will fund the replacement of aging water and sewer infrastructure and operation and maintenance of the water and sewer systems.

For more information, including a list of planned projects in the 2011 - 2013 Capital Improvements Program, visit www.charlestonwater.com.

WATER RATES

Retail Water Service

Minimum Monthly Charge

For up to 2 Ccf (1,500 gal) of water usage

Connection Size (inches)	Inside City Rate	Outside City Rate
3/4	\$10.00	\$16.85
1	12.25	19.45
1 1/2	22.00	30.60
2	29.40	39.20
3	62.25	77.25
4	99.75	120.25
6	193.00	228.00
8	286.50	335.50
10	379.50	443.00
12	435.50	508.00

Volume Charge (for each Ccf above the min.)

Volume	Inside City Rate (per Ccf)	Outside City Rate (per Ccf)
Next 18 Ccf	\$1.55	\$2.85
Over 20 Ccf	1.37	2.41

Fire Protection Service (Monthly Charge)

Connection Size (inches)	Inside City Rate	Outside City Rate
4 or less	\$7.75	\$10.00
6	22.92	29.50
8	48.75	62.50
10	87.58	113.00
12	141.67	182.00

Wholesale Water Service

Classification	Rate/Ccf
Municipality	\$1.83
Subdivision	2.13

WASTEWATER RATES

Retail Wastewater Service

Monthly Volume (Based on water use; see notes below)	Inside City Rate (per Ccf)	Outside City Rate (per Ccf)
First 3 Ccf (min. charge)	\$27.50	\$38.50
Next 17 Ccf	6.59	9.06
Over 20 Ccf	6.10	8.13
Maximum residential wastewater charge	120.42	166.25
Non-metered flat rate	45.29	62.96

1.) Volume billed in cubic feet (cf) for all fractional usage under a hundred cubic feet (Ccf). 2.) Billable wastewater volume for domestic class customers with a 3/4", 1", or 1 1/2" tap (not having a separate meter for irrigation purposes provided by CWS to the property on which the customer account is located) is based on 95% of metered water usage. 3.) All other customer classes, and for those domestic class customers which do have a separate meter for irrigation purposes provided by CWS to the property on which the account is located, billable wastewater volume is based on 100% of metered water usage. 4.) Wastewater charges for non-residential or multi-family accounts are based on 100% of water usage. 5.) CWS domestic class customers who are provided retail water service by St. Johns Water Company are billed for wastewater based on 100% of water volume. 6.) Single family residences without an irrigation meter will be charged no more than the maximum rate for wastewater service. Maximum charge is based on 18 Ccf of water usage (17.1 Ccf wastewater volume).

Extra Strength Surcharge (Rate/Ccf)

Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	\$0.00309 per mg/l over 290 mg/l
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	\$0.00312 per mg/l over 290 mg/l