

Charleston Water System rate increases

- Charleston Water will increase water rates by an average of 4% and sewer rates by an average of 7% each year for the next three years.
- The increases will take effect on *December 1st 2006, 2007, and 2008.*
- The rate increases are necessary to:
 - ✓ Pay for new water and sewer infrastructure to meet growth demands
 - ✓ Upgrade or replace aging infrastructure
 - ✓ Fund operation and maintenance of the water and sewer system

The chart below gives the dollar increase on the monthly water and sewer bill for the minimum bill and the typical residential customer inside the City of Charleston.

Water consumption	Combined Monthly Water & Sewer Bill				Avg. monthly increase	Total monthly increase after 12/1/08
	2006	12/1/06	12/1/07	12/1/08		
2 Ccf =1,500 <i>(minimum bill)</i>	\$27.20	\$28.70	\$30.15	\$31.85	\$1.55	\$4.65
8 Ccf =6,000 gal. <i>(typical customer)</i>	\$55.93	\$58.80	\$62.29	\$66.34	\$3.47	\$10.41