

Public Notice

Charleston Water System 2009 Water & Sewer Rates

Water Rates to Increase By 4%, Sewer Rates By 7%

Effective **December 1, 2008**, water rates will increase by an average of 4% and sewer rates will increase by an average of 7% for Charleston Water System customers.

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

For the typical family in the City of Charleston using 6,000 gallons of water per month, the increases amount to an additional \$6.54 per month on the combined water and sewer bill.

This is the last in a series of gradual rate increases approved in 2006 to help pay for water and sewer infrastructure projects.

Change in Sewer Bill Calculation

Pending approval of Charleston Water's 2009 budget by the Board of Commissioners, monthly sewer charges for residential customers in single family homes *without* an irrigation meter will be calculated based on 95% of water usage, as compared to 90% currently.

For more information, visit charlestonwater.com or call (843) 727-6800.



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	\$8.85	\$14.20
1	10.70	16.95
1 1/2	18.80	28.70
2	25.00	34.20
3	52.25	63.75
4	83.50	98.75
6	161.00	186.00
8	239.00	273.50
10	316.50	361.00
12	363.00	413.00

Volume Charge (for each Ccf above the min.)

Volume	Inside City Rate (per Ccf)	Outside City Rate (per Ccf)
Next 18 Ccf	\$1.38	\$2.58
Over 20 Ccf	1.12	1.99

Fire Protection (No increase; same as 2008)

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

Wholesale Water Service

Classification	Rate/Ccf
Municipality	\$1.75
Subdivision	1.98

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)	\$23.00	\$32.00
Next 17 Ccf	6.24	8.61
Over 20 Ccf	5.30	7.31
Max residential wastewater charge**	110.98	153.40
Non-metered flat rate	39.85	55.25

*Volume billed in cubic feet (cf) for all fractional usage under a hundred cubic feet (Ccf). Wastewater charges for single family residences **without** an irrigation meter will be based on 95% of water usage (as compared to 90% currently), pending approval of Charleston Water's 2009 budget.

Wastewater charges for single family residences **with** an irrigation meter are based on 100% of water usage. Wastewater charges for non-residential or multi-family accounts are based on 100% of water usage.

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).