

# Monthly Utility Rate Increase for Water and Sewer

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In 2023, the Town conducted a comprehensive water, wastewater, and non-potable rate study to ensure it was collecting enough revenue to cover utility operations, maintenance, and capital reinvestment costs or replacement projects. The study, conducted by Raftelis, a third-party consulting firm, revealed that the current utility rates were not sufficiently covering all necessary operational costs. To ensure the Town’s water, wastewater, and non-potable services are adequately funded to meet the community's needs, the Town will raise utility rates effective April 1, 2024, and customers will see their first new bill at **the beginning of May since the Town bills in arrears**. The rate increase also includes a new tiered system for residential rates. The Town Board adopted the new rates at the February 15, 2024, Board meeting via resolution No. 2024-05.

## What will the rate increase be used for?

The rate increase will cover regular operations, maintenance, capital replacement, and reinvestment costs. Increases to tap fees will help fund the Town’s participation in the Northern Integrated Supply Project (NISP), participation in the Cobb Lake Regional Water Treatment Authority.

## Why is a rate increase needed now?

The Town of Eaton has not conducted a comprehensive rate study in over a decade, even though the cost to provide water and wastewater services has continued to increase. If the rates do not increase, more severe or urgent increases may be needed in the future. To avoid an even larger funding gap and to fund future infrastructure needs, a rate increase, as recommended by the rate study, is necessary now.

## Residential Customers Rate Information

Residential customers can expect to see the base water rate increase from \$49.12 to \$58.09 per month. The base rate covers 0-4,000 gallons, which did not change. All residents are billed at the 5/8- and 3/4-inch rates for water. Rates for residential water usage exceeding 4,000 gallons a month can be found in the tables below.

Residential customers can expect to see the base sewer rate increase from \$29.15 to \$33.48 per month. This is a flat monthly rate.

Customers with non-potable irrigation can see their increase in the table below.

**Additional Information**

Commercial customers can find updated rate information in the tables below.

**Water Rates - Residential**

<b><u>Old Rates</u></b>		<b><u>New Rates</u></b>	
<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Base</u>	<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Base</u>
5/8 & 3/4 inch	\$49.12	5/8 & 3/4 inch	\$58.09
1 inch	\$49.12	1 inch	72.40
1.5 inch	\$49.12	1.5 inch	108.75
2 inch	\$49.12	2 inch	154.19
<u>Usage</u>	<u>Rate per Kgal</u>	<u>Usage</u>	<u>Rate per Kgal</u>
0-4K	\$0.00	<u>0-4K</u>	0.00
5K+	7.99	5-10K	5.67
		11-20K	10.63

21K+ 15.95

## **Water Rates - Commercial**

### **Old Rates**

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Base</u>	<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Monthly Base</u>
5/8 & 3/4 inch	\$49.12	5/8 & 3/4 inch	\$24.93
1 inch	49.12	1 inch	39.25
1.5 inch	49.12	1.5 inch	75.60
2 inch	49.12	2 inch	121.04
3 inch	49.12	3 inch	227.26
4 inch	49.12	4 inch	362.21
6 inch	49.12	6 inch	694.13
<u>Usage</u>	<u>Rate per Kgal</u>	<u>Usage</u>	<u>Rate per Kgal</u>
0-4K	\$0.00	All Usage	\$9.56
5K+	7.99		

## **Bulk Water**

**Old Rates**

**New Rates**

Water Station	\$15.37 per Kgal	Water Station	\$18.44 per Kgal
Hydrant Meter Rental	\$11.00 per day	Hydrant Meter Rental	\$13.20 per day
Hydrant Meter Usage	\$15.37 per Kgal	Hydrant Meter Usage	\$18.44 per Kgal

**Water Tap Fees**

**Old Rates**

**New Rates**

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Tap Fee</u>	<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Tap Fee</u>
5/8 & 3/4 inch	\$13,494	5/8 & 3/4 inch	\$17,159
1 inch	17,300	1 inch	21,999
1.5 inch	33,500	1.5 inch	42,599
2 inch	53,800	2 inch	68,412
3 inch	111,500	3 inch	141,784
4 inch	172,400	4 inch	219,224
6 inch	49.12	6 inch	694.13

**Sewer Rates - Residential**

Old Rates

New Rates

Flat Rate    \$29.15 Flat Rate    \$33.48

**Sewer Rates - Commercial**

<u>Old Rates</u>		<u>New Rates</u>	
<u>Commercial</u>	<u>Monthly Base</u> <u>Unit Charge</u>	<u>Monthly Base</u> <u>Volume Rate</u>	
Class I	\$15.40      \$4.07 per Kgal	\$9.51      \$7.32 per Kgal	
<b>Class II</b>	\$1.45 per student		
Class III	\$23.65 per machine		
Class IV	\$29.15		

**Industrial**

Harsh	\$990.00
Agfinity	204.60
Eaton CC	173.80
Early Learning Center	36.30

**Sewer Tap Fees (No Change)**

**Old Rates****New Rates**

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Tap Fee</u>	<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Tap Fee</u>
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5/8 & 3/4 inch	\$3,000	5/8 & 3/4 inch	\$3,000
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1 inch	5,095	1 inch	5,095
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1.5 inch	9,892	1.5 inch	9,892
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2 inch	15,886	2 inch	15,886
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3 inch	32,972	3 inch	32,972
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4 inch	50,957	4 inch	50,957
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6 inch	49.12	6 inch	694.13
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**Non-Potable Rates****Old Rates****New Rates**

<u>Residential</u>	<u>Flat Rate</u>
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<u>Residential (unmetered)</u>	<u>Flat Rate</u>
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0-4,000 sf lot	\$17.70
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0-4,000 sf lot	\$20.36
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4,001 – 8,000 sf	19.70
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4,001 – 8,000 sf	22.66
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8,001 – 12,000 sf	21.70
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8,001 – 12,000 sf	24.96
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> 12,000 sf	23.70	> 12,000 sf	27.26
<u>Commercial</u>	\$.028 per sf of landscaping	<u>Commercial (unmetered)</u>	\$.028 per sf of landscaping
		<u>Metered</u>	<u>Base</u>
		5/8 & 3/4 inch	\$24.93
		1 inch	39.25
		1.5 inch	75.60
		2 inch	121.04
		3 inch	227.26
		4 inch	362.21
		6 inch	694.13
		Volume Rate	
		Per Kgal	\$0.78

**Late Fee**

**Old Rates**   **New Rates**

No Late Fee   All outstanding charges 5%

