

UNDERSTANDING THE NEW WATER AND SEWER RATES


Measuring water usage

- Water and sewer fees are based on the amount of water you use.
- Water usage is measured in ccfs (hundreds of cubic feet). 1 ccf = about 750 gallons of water.

New water and sewer rates

- Customers will experience an average rate increase of 10 percent for the period of January 1 through June 30, and another 10 percent increase for the period July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
- Qualifying senior citizens 65 years or older with household incomes of \$25,000 or less are still eligible for a 30% discount.
- The Homeland Security surcharge of 15 cents per ccf is still added to all ratepayer bills.
- Single-metered, multi-family dwellings can now take advantage of the conservation rate.
- All customers will pay a base charge of \$3 for water and \$3 for sewer. The old 3-ccf minimum-use charge has been eliminated.
- The rates are still based on the 3-tiered structure that provides incentives for conservation.

The figures in the charts reflect the rates for the typical customer receiving water and sewer services. The water and sewer fees are combined for the purpose of this illustration, but are listed as separate fees on your actual bill. The dollar amounts are per ccf. **If you live outside the City, you are subject to different rates and billed for water service and Fulton County Sewer Service.**

 City of Atlanta Department of Watershed Management Inside-City Water and Sewer Bill Calculations Typical 8 ccf Single-Family Residential User				Combined Water and Sewer Bills for Typical 8 ccf Single-Family Residential User (Inside-City)			
Rate Schedules							
Rate Schedule	Current 2005 Rates	Actual 2006 Rates With Penny Sales Tax	2006 Rates Without Penny Sales Tax	Billed Amounts	Current 2005 Rates	Actual* 2006 Rates With Penny Sales Tax	2006 Rates Without Penny Sales Tax
0 - 3 ccf	\$6.90	\$5.63	\$8.26	Minimum Charge	\$20.70	\$16.89	\$24.78
4 - 6 ccf	\$7.90	\$8.69	\$11.43	0 - 3 ccf	\$23.70	\$26.07	\$34.29
7 - 8 ccf	\$9.08	\$9.99	\$15.16	4 - 6 ccf	\$18.16	\$19.98	\$30.32
Minimum Charges	\$20.70	\$6.00	\$24.78	Base Charge	-----	\$6.00	\$6.00
Security Charges	\$0.15	\$0.15	\$0.15	Security Charge	\$1.20	\$1.20	\$1.20
				Total Bill	\$63.76	\$70.14	\$96.59

* Your approval of the penny sales tax helped us reduce the 2006 rate increase.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Clean Water Atlanta
404-529-9211

Customer Service
404-658-6500

Care & Conserve
404-885-1889

Water Emergencies
404-658-7220

Department of Watershed Management
404-330-6081

Sewer Emergencies
404-624-0751

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

- There are many ways to reduce your water use and save money. Look for water conservation tips in your bill throughout the year. Request a water conservation workshop for your community or organization. Call the Clean Water Atlanta hotline at 404-529-9211 or log onto our web site at www.cleanwateratlanta.org.
- The City of Atlanta continues to seek outside assistance to reduce the burden of funding Clean Water Atlanta. MOST revenues of \$95 million in 2005 enabled the City to reduce previously adopted rate increases.
- Seniors over 65 years of age with household incomes of \$25,000 or less can still receive the 30% Senior Citizen Discount. Call 404-658-6500 for details or to request an application.
- The Care & Conserve fund is a special fund to help low-income ratepayers with especially high bills on a one-time basis. Care & Conserve also offers plumbing assistance to help control water usage. To receive assistance through Care & Conserve, call 404-885-1877.
- For assistance in understanding your bill, call us at 404-658-6500 or visit our web site at www.cleanwateratlanta.org.



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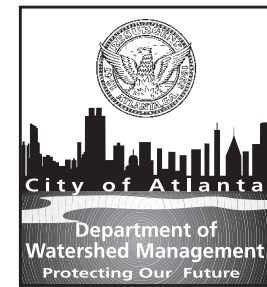
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On January 9, 2004, new water and sewer rates for Atlanta ratepayers took effect. Rates were projected to increase about 45% per year in 2004 and 2005, 18% in 2006 (for largest users) and about 11% per year in 2007 and 2008.

Because of voter support for the Municipal Option Sales Tax and funds from state revolving loans, the City of Atlanta is announcing a **reduction in the legislated rate increase for 2006.**

In addition, these changes are instituted in 2006:

- The City's fiscal year will change from January - December to July - June beginning in July 2006. New rates will go into effect on July 1, 2006 to coincide with the new fiscal year.
- The 3-ccf minimum-use charge no longer applies. Instead, water and sewer customers will pay a \$6 base rate; customers outside the City limit receiving water services only will pay a \$3 base rate.
- Single-metered, multi-family dwellings can now take advantage of the conservation rate.

Details are included in this mailing.

KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE!