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NOW'S THE TIME TO PREPARE FOR WINTER

In Texas, we usually have a bit longer time before winter truly hits us with extremely cold weather, but that is not always the case. And, now is the time to prepare your home/property for the cold temps of winter.

Of course, as the water utility service, we encourage you to be sure to prepare your plumbing for the winter. It's time to begin covering and insulating those exterior faucets on the outside of your home. Make sure to properly insulate your attic, especially if you've had your water line diverted through your attic. Keeping your attic warm in the winter can help prevent many problems, including frozen water pipes.

Now is also a good time to have your heating/AC unit checked by a professional for any necessary tune ups before the weather truly turns cold.

Cleaning out your gutters in the fall can help prevent problems with water collecting and/or freezing and causing damage to your home inside and out. It's also a good idea to make sure your downspouts from the gutters are properly diverting water drainage at least 3 or 4 feet away from your home to avoid possible foundation issues.

It may also be time to re-caulk around some doors and windows to avoid drafty spots in your home and possible water damage to those areas.

Have you checked and/or changed the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors recently? Those need to be checked or changed every 6 months; you can also add this to your winter prep routine.

You might also consider mulching up all those fallen leaves in your yard when you mow; studies have shown the decomposing leaves can help nourish your yard through the winter, and its certainly easier than raking and bagging.

Chimneys may also need to be inspected/cleaned by a chimney sweep before you burn your first fire in the fireplace this year. Please don't let your home become another fire statistic.

Winter can be a fun, beautiful time of year. We hope this information helps your family have a safe and fun time this year!

Dear Customer,

The year 2022 has been a year of incredible housing growth in our area as well as the whole state of Texas. There are new subdivisions popping up all over the area. New customers mean more infrastructure needs and higher water demand and consumption. Cash SUD has already placed pipeline and meters for at least eight (8) new subdivisions this year, and there are more to be completed before the end of December. The District has also added more than 40,000 feet of new water line this year.

Work has begun to increase our facilities and infrastructure, including projects to enlarge our water treatment plant on Lake Tawakoni, plans to improve/enlarge water lines along Hwy 34, and several relocation projects in conjunction with TXDOT.

Our Board of Directors is committed to meet the growing needs of our customers, improve infrastructure needed to serve all our customers to the best of our ability, and maintain financial stability of the district during these strenuous economic times. In 2009, the Board of Directors approved & adopted a policy to set aside revenue from water sales each month to help lower the amount of money necessary to borrow for future construction to maintain and increase infrastructure. Their future thinking has helped offset such costs for over 10 years; the District has been able to pay off debt and continue to increase service to meet customers needs.

This year the District has seen increases in costs across the board. We all know gas and automobile costs have increased. The cost of both treated and raw water has increased by 13% just this year with another increase expected in September 2023, and supplies and materials continue to rise in cost. The Board of Directors has approved a budget that will meet all of these needs and keep the District financially stable. The budget includes the following increase:

	<u>Old Rate</u>	<u>New Rate</u>
Base Rate	\$ 33.24	\$ 34.25
Water		
0 – 5,000 gals	= \$4.00 per 1000 gallons	\$4.40 per 1000 gallons
5,001 – 10,000 gals	= \$4.95 per 1000 gallons	\$4.95 per 1000 gallons
10,001 – 15,000 gals	= \$5.50 per 1000 gallons	\$5.50 per 1000 gallons
15,001 – 20,000 gals	= \$6.50 per 1000 gallons	\$6.50 per 1000 gallons
20,001 – 25,000 gals	= \$7.25 per 1000 gallons	\$7.25 per 1000 gallons
Over 25,000 gals	= \$8.00 per 1000 gallons	\$8.00 per 1000 gallons

Cost of 4500 gallons of water:

Old Rate = \$ 51.24
New Rate = \$ 54.05

The new rate will go into effect Jan. 1, 2023, and will be present on the February 2023 bills. If you have any questions about the new rate or the District, please feel free to contact the District office at (903) 883-2695.