



Dear Residential Customer,

The Fauquier County Water and Sanitation Authority's (FCWSA) mission is to provide quality, reliable water and wastewater services in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner. We achieve this, in part, by setting rates based on five-year plans that are stable and affordable for you as they provide us with the funding we need to keep your systems safe and reliable.

For our next five-year plan, FCWSA used an independent rate consultant to craft a proposal that recovers revenue from system usage in a manner that promotes stability, rate equity, simplicity, and conservation. It contains a rate structure designed to charge residential and commercial customers more appropriately, especially those using the highest and lowest amounts of water. This proposal would be effective **October 1, 2022**.

The new rate structure achieves this goal by: reducing fixed charges to give customers more control over their monthly bills; using "winter-average" billing for residential customers receiving both water and sewer service; and establishing more equitable tiers for water usage.

FCWSA's "Base Service Fees," also known as our fixed charges, would be lowered to account for our goal of more equitably distributing the cost of our services. Decreases are involved at the lowest usage rates, which are balanced out with increases in higher usage rates. (See full rate charts enclosed)

Customers receiving both water and sewer service from FCWSA have historically been billed for both services based on monthly water meter readings. Many customers have expressed concerns that when they use water outdoors in the summertime, they are still paying full bills for sewer, even though that extra water does not go down the drain. With the new rate plan, sewer billing for May – September will not exceed your average monthly usage during the months of December – February plus 2,000 gallons. This proposal replaces the need of "sub meters," which has proven difficult for many of our customers.

To more equitably charge for water use, the proposal improves FCWSA's ability to charge those who use both the lowest and highest amounts of water more equitably. Customers who historically purchased larger meters are entitled to proportionately higher tiers. (See full rate charts enclosed)

The full proposal can be found at [www.fcwsa.org](http://www.fcwsa.org). Because many of these changes are tied to the summertime usage, the new rate plan will be effective October 1, 2022 to allow large irrigation customers the opportunity to reprogram irrigation systems in advance of the next irrigation season.

The proposal has entered the public comment process required before approval by the FCWSA Board. To take in customer comments, FCWSA will hold a public hearing in the Board room of the FCWSA Administrative Building in Vint Hill at 7172 Kennedy Road in Warrenton Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at 2 p.m.

Thank you for your patience and resiliency throughout the pandemic. If you have additional questions about the rate change, please contact Customer Service at (540) 349-2092.

Sincerely,

Fauquier County Water and Sanitation Authority

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Fauquier County Water and Sanitation Authority will meet in Regular Session in the Board Room of the Authority Building at 7172 Kennedy Road, Vint Hill Farms, Warrenton, Virginia on Tuesday, June 07, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. in advance of its monthly meeting for the express purpose of receiving comments from the public on a proposed change to its Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Other Charges, herein the “Schedule”.

### PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF RATES, FEES, AND OTHER CHARGES

NOTE: Only the following changes are currently proposed. In all other respects, the Authority’s current Schedule of Rates, Fees, and Other Charges shall remain unchanged.

#### 2.4 Base Service Fees

Meter Size	EMUs	Water – Monthly Base Service Fee (Effective Dates)				
		10/01/2022	10/01/2023	10/01/2024	10/01/2025	10/01/2026
<b>Single-Family Residential</b>						
All	1	\$22.24	\$23.57	\$24.87	\$25.61	\$26.38
<b>Multi-Family and Nonresidential</b>						
5/8”x3/4”	1	\$22.24	\$23.57	\$24.87	\$25.61	\$26.38
Full 3/4”	1.5	\$33.36	\$35.36	\$37.31	\$38.43	\$39.58
1”	2.5	\$55.60	\$58.93	\$62.17	\$64.04	\$65.96
1.5”	5	\$111.19	\$117.86	\$124.35	\$128.08	\$131.92
2”	8	\$177.91	\$188.59	\$198.96	\$204.93	\$211.08
3”	17.5	\$389.18	\$412.53	\$435.22	\$448.27	\$461.72
4”	30	\$667.16	\$707.18	\$746.08	\$768.46	\$791.52
<p>The schedule above represents monthly Base Service Fees based on current EMUs of Availability assigned by meter size. For customers who purchased more EMUs than required above, and who have maintained the additional Availability Assignment through Monthly Base Service Fee payments, monthly Base Service Fees will be billed based on the total number of EMUs Assigned.</p>						

Meter Size	EMUs	Sewer – Monthly Base Service Fee (Effective Dates)				
		10/01/2022	10/01/2023	10/01/2024	10/01/2025	10/01/2026
<b>Single-Family Residential</b>						
All	1	\$25.99	\$25.99	\$25.99	\$26.77	\$27.58
<b>Multi-Family and Nonresidential</b>						
5/8”x3/4”	1	\$25.99	\$25.99	\$25.99	\$26.77	\$27.58
Full 3/4”	1.5	\$39.00	\$39.00	\$39.00	\$40.17	\$41.37
1”	2.5	\$64.99	\$64.99	\$64.99	\$66.94	\$68.95
1.5”	5	\$129.98	\$129.98	\$129.98	\$133.88	\$137.89
2”	8	\$207.97	\$207.97	\$207.97	\$214.21	\$220.64
3”	17.5	\$454.93	\$454.93	\$454.93	\$468.58	\$482.64
4”	30	\$779.88	\$779.88	\$779.88	\$803.28	\$827.37
<p>The schedule above represents Monthly Base Service Fees based on current EMUs of Availability assigned by meter size. For customers who purchased more EMUs than required above, and who have maintained the additional Availability Assignment through Monthly Base Service Fee payments, monthly Base Service Fees will be billed based on the total number of EMUs Assigned.</p>						

2.5 Usage Fees

Water Usage Fees

Meter Size	Water Usage Rate Tier (Monthly Usage in 1,000s of gallons)			
	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3	Tier 4
<b>Single-Family Residential</b>				
All	0 – 3	3 – 6	6 – 18	Over 18
<b>Multi-Family and Nonresidential</b>				
5/8" x 3/4"	0 – 3	3 – 6	6 – 18	Over 18
Full 3/4"	0 – 4.5	4.5 – 9	9 – 27	Over 27
1"	0 – 7.5	7.5 – 15	15 – 45	Over 45
1.5"	0 – 15	15 – 30	30 – 90	Over 90
2"	0 – 24	24 – 48	48 – 144	Over 144
3"	0 – 52.5	52.5 – 105	105 – 315	Over 315
4"	0 – 90	90 – 180	180 – 540	Over 540

The schedule above represents monthly Tier assignment based on current EMUs of Availability assigned by meter size. For customers who purchased more EMUs than required above, and who have maintained the additional Availability Assignment through Monthly Base Service Fee payments, monthly Base Service Fees will be billed based on the total number of EMUs Assigned.

Tier	Water Usage Rate per 1,000 gallons (Effective Dates)				
	10/01/2022	10/01/2023	10/01/2024	10/01/2025	10/01/2026
1	\$5.94	\$6.29	\$6.64	\$6.84	\$7.04
2	\$8.90	\$9.44	\$9.96	\$10.26	\$10.56
3	\$13.36	\$14.16	\$14.94	\$15.38	\$15.85
4	\$17.81	\$18.88	\$19.91	\$20.51	\$21.13

Sewer Usage Fees

Uniform Rate	Sewer Usage Rate per 1,000 gallons (Effective Dates)				
	10/01/2022	10/01/2023	10/01/2024	10/01/2025	10/01/2026
	\$11.57	\$11.57	\$11.57	\$11.92	\$12.27

Increased residential water demands during the summer months may be a result of irrigation or other outdoor water usage that does not enter the sanitary sewer system. For residential customers receiving sewer service from FCWSA where metered water service is provided by FCWSA, Buckland Water and Sanitation Assets Corporation in Vint Hill, or by the Town of Remington, sewer usage is seasonally adjusted as follows:

May – September. Sewer usage is charged based on the lower of actual metered consumption or the average December – February monthly consumption plus 2,000 gallons. For all new residential customers that have not established a December – February average consumption, sewer volume charges will be capped at the lesser of actual consumption or 9,000 gallons.

No seasonal sewer usage adjustment will be made for customers with a submeter, nonresidential customers, or customers using a private water source.

2.6 Unmetered Service

Unmetered single-family residential water and/or sewer customers will be charged based on 5/8" x 3/4" meter size and 7,000 gallons per month usage. All other unmetered water and/or sewer customers will be charged based on 5/8" x 3/4" meter size and 7,000 gallons per month usage per availability assigned.

2.7 Large Meter Service

All rates, fees, and charges for customers with meter sizes greater than four inches (4") are determined on an individual basis. The customer and the Authority will enter into a separate agreement, which establishes all rates, fees, and charges for the services provided.

2.8 Other Service

All rates, fees, and charges for customers receiving service other than water or sewer service are determined on an individual basis. The customer and the Authority will enter into a separate agreement, which establishes all rates, fees, and charges for the services provided.

2.30 Hydrant Meter Fees

A. Meter Deposit: \$2,000

B. Monthly Rates: Hydrant Meter Accounts are established as water-only accounts equivalent to a Full 3/4" water meter including Base Service Fees, and all Hydrant Meter Usage is billed at the Tier 3 Water Usage Rate.

C. Miscellaneous Charges:

1. Inspection Fee: \$20.00

2. Failure to report monthly reading: \$500.00

3. Late payment fee is the same as the Authority's domestic customer accounts.