



July 22, 2011

Dear Customer,

The Mount Werner Water and Sanitation District will be raising water rates and wastewater treatment rates effective January 1, 2012. You will see these new water and wastewater treatment rates in your April, 2012 bill for the First Quarter of 2012.

Water Rate Increase

On July 10th & 17th, the District posted public notice in the Pilot newspaper of a meeting of the Board of Directors at 8:00 o'clock A.M. on July 21, 2011, at the Mount Werner Water Filtration Plant, 3310 Clear Water Trail, Steamboat Springs, CO for the purpose of considering this water rate increase. Notice of the meeting was also posted in the officially designated notice board at the Office of the County Clerk as well as at Safeway, City Market, the front door of District offices, and on the District website.

At the July 21st meeting, the Board voted to increase the District water volume charges effective January 1, 2012, following the recommendations of the District's rate consultant. This rate increase is necessary to maintain current service levels. The current water rates went into effect in January, 2007.

Water rate charges effective January 1, 2012

	2012	current
Residential water volume charges:		
Tier 1 0 to 75 m ³ per quarter per unit	\$0.28 per m ³	\$0.23 per m ³
Tier 2 75 to 420 m ³ per quarter per unit	\$0.45 per m ³	\$0.40 per m ³
Tier 3 420+ m ³ per quarter per unit	\$0.90 per m ³	\$0.81 per m ³
Residential irrigation/amenity meters	\$0.45 per m ³	\$0.40 per m ³
Commercial water volume charges:		
Commercial irrigation/amenity meters	\$0.42 per m ³	\$0.32 per m ³
	\$0.45 per m ³	\$0.40 per m ³

(Note: 1 m³ = 264.17 gallons)

The water base charge will remain at \$21.84 per quarter for all customers.

The District's water rates will remain among the lowest in Colorado.

The average household in the District will see an increase of about \$16.00 per year, depending on summer irrigation usage. Residential volume charges will increase \$2.27 per quarter for a home using 45 cubic meters per quarter (4,000 gallons per month) and \$4.74 per quarter for a home using 80 cubic meters per quarter (7,000 gallons per month).

For a restaurant using 397 cubic meters per quarter (35,000 gallons per month), the quarterly water bill would increase \$39.75 from \$149.03 to \$188.78.

Wastewater Treatment Increase

In September, 2010, the Steamboat City Council voted to raise wastewater treatment rates over a three year period beginning January 1, 2011 for all City customers and wholesale customers including the Mount Werner Water and Sanitation District.

The District adopted this new schedule of wastewater treatment rates at the regular meeting of the Board of Directors on October 28, 2010.

The rate for residential customers will increase 2% in 2012 and another 2% in 2013.

The rate for commercial customers will rise 20% in 2012 and another 15% in 2013. The 2013 rate will bring the Mt Werner commercial wastewater treatment rate in line with that for City commercial customers.

Wastewater Treatment rate charges effective January 1, 2012

Residential \$33.15 per residential unit per quarter

Commercial \$1.10 per m³ (Q1, Q4 based on actual water use; Q2, Q3 based on avg of Q1, Q4)

Wastewater Collection

Wastewater collection charges will remain the same in 2012.

Residential \$8.82 per residential unit per quarter

Commercial \$0.20 per m³ (Q1, Q4 based on actual water use; Q2, Q3 based on avg of Q1, Q4)

Examples:

The uniform charge for residential wastewater treatment and collection will rise only 63 cents from \$41.34 per quarter to \$41.97 per quarter.

For a commercial restaurant using 397 cubic meters per quarter (35,000 gallons per month), the wastewater collection and treatment charges will increase \$71.92 per quarter from \$444.37 per quarter to \$516.29 per quarter.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me or Patti Retz, Customer Service Representative.

Regards,



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Mount Werner Water and Sanitation District
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