

## **2021 WATER & WASTEWATER RATES**

Rate increase effective date September 1, 2021

Houston Water is committed to continuing to build and service a reliable water and Wastewater utility to serve the needs of our city's growing population and furthering Resilient Houston's goals. In order to achieve these objectives, the utility requires substantial capital improvements. The utility is also experiencing increased operating, maintenance, and regulatory compliance costs.

Every 5 years, Houston Water completes an in-depth Water and Wastewater Cost of Service Rate Study to ensure that water and Wastewater rates recover all the costs of services. In 2021, Houston Water completed a new Rate Study, which determined that water and Wastewater rates must be increased in order to meet these rising costs. City of Houston Ordinance 2021-515 passed by City Council on June 23, 2021, approved a revenue increase of 9% for water and 20% for Wastewater to be effective September 1, 2021.

The bill you will receive in September may reflect a proration between the previous and the new rates. The October bill will reflect a full month of the new rate.

New rate tables with detailed information by customer type will be posted on September 1, 2021 to <https://bit.ly/houwaterrates>. The website also provides tips on ways to minimize water usage and allows you to sign up for ebills and automatic payments. If you have any questions, please call 713-371-1400.

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The basic service charge for both water and Wastewater is affected by the water meter size. For all classes that include Wastewater, the water consumption is used to determine the appropriate Wastewater consumption charge. TCEQ fee is a fixed monthly charge of \$0.21 per connection to the public water system.

### **Commercial:**

Consumption is no longer included with the basic charge. The volume charges are applied to all usage. TCEQ fee is a fixed monthly charge of \$0.21 per connection to the public water system.

Rate	Meter Size (Inches)	Basic Water Charge	Basic Wastewater Charge
Basic Charge (0 consumption)	5/8	\$6.25	\$10.00
	3/4	\$6.25	\$10.00
	1	\$8.80	\$12.45
	1.5	\$12.43	\$15.93
	2	\$14.61	\$18.03
	3	\$32.76	\$35.46
	4	\$63.27	\$64.76
	6	\$147.88	\$144.54
	8	\$184.20	\$180.90
	10	\$244.84	\$239.14
12	\$341.44	\$331.92	
Volume Charge	All	+ \$5.55 per 1,000 gallons	+ \$7.40 per 1,000 gallons