

City of Bellaire

NEW UTILITY RATES

Effective October 1, 2021

On September 20, 2021, City Council adopted new utility rates as part of the fiscal year 2022 budget.

Adopted Rates

Prior vs. New Monthly Base Charges				
Monthly Base Charge - Based on Water Meter Size				
Meter Size	Prior Rates		New Rates Effective 10/1/2021	
	Base Water Charge	Base Sewer Charge	Base Water Charge	Base Sewer Charge
5/8 & 3/4 Inch	\$7.93	\$8.25	\$8.64	\$8.83
1 Inch	\$19.83	\$8.25	\$21.61	\$8.83
1 1/2 Inch	\$39.69	\$8.25	\$43.26	\$8.83
2 Inch	\$63.45	\$8.25	\$69.16	\$8.83
2 1/2 Inch	\$95.18	\$8.25	\$103.75	\$8.83
3 Inch	\$118.97	\$8.25	\$129.68	\$8.83
4 Inch	\$198.28	\$8.25	\$216.13	\$8.83
6 Inch	\$396.57	\$8.25	\$432.26	\$8.83
8 Inch	\$634.50	\$8.25	\$691.61	\$8.83

Prior vs. New Volumetric Rates				
Monthly Volumetric Rates - Per 1,000 Gallons				
Gallons Used	Prior Rates		New Rates Effective 10/1/2021	
	Volumetric Water Rate	Volumetric Sewer Rate	Volumetric Water Rate	Volumetric Sewer Rate
0 - 2,000	\$1.90	\$3.18	\$2.07	\$3.40
2,001 - 4,000	\$2.54	\$3.18	\$2.77	\$3.40
4,001 - 6,000	\$3.18	\$3.18	\$3.47	\$3.40
6,001 - 8,000	\$3.49	\$3.18	\$3.80	\$3.40
8,001 - 10,000	\$4.13	\$3.18	\$4.50	\$3.40
10,001 - 15,000	\$4.76	\$3.18	\$5.19	\$3.40
15,001 - 20,000	\$5.08	\$3.18	\$5.54	\$3.40
20,001+	\$5.71	\$3.18	\$6.22	\$3.40

Prior vs. New Residential Solid Waste Rates		
Monthly Fixed Charges		
	Prior Rates	New Rates Effective 10/1/2021
Sanitation	\$20.51	\$22.00
Recycling	\$2.50	\$2.70
Total	\$23.01	\$24.70

Winter Averaging Details – for Residential Customers

Water consumption for the three highest months of November, December, January, and February will be totaled and an average consumption for those three months will be calculated. That average usage will then become the “winter average” on which the sewer volumetric charge is based for the next twelve months.

If you have any questions, please contact Utility Billing at **713-662-8253** or utilitybill@bellairetx.gov.

Residential Winter Sewer Averaging

Your water usage from November thru February can increase or decrease your bill year-round!

Why? Because we calculate your sewer winter average volume and use that average monthly wastewater volume for the upcoming year to calculate your monthly volumetric sewer charges.

Utility customers in Bellaire are charged a base rate and a volumetric rate for wastewater (sewer) discharge. Your water meter measures your monthly water use. There is no meter on your wastewater line to measure wastewater volume discharged into the sanitary sewer system. Hence, the city estimates your wastewater volume discharged based on your metered water use. During the winter months, residential customers typically use the least amount of water, with almost all water usage going directly into the sanitary sewer system. In the winter, the metered residential water usage is a good indicator of residential wastewater discharge.

There is significantly more water usage in the summer months that does not go into the sanitary sewer system, such as water used watering lawns, filling swimming pools, and washing cars. Each year the city calculates a typical month's wastewater volume by averaging the winter months. We use that average as your wastewater volume for billing throughout the remainder of the year. Typically, this results in substantial savings for residents during the summer months. We average the three highest months out of November through February, to calculate the winter sewer average, so minimizing your water usage in those months can result in lower sewer charges year-round.



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