

**CITY OF COLUMBUS PUBLIC SEWER UTILITY  
PUBLIC INFORMATION  
RATE CHANGES EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2018**

The City’s Sewer Utility is required to have a rate study done every two years. These requirements have been in force for over a decade. The Utility’s last rate increase was in 2007 and 2008 – a two-step increase which raised the rates at that time by \$.50 for the volume charge per 100 cubic feet to the current rate of \$5.36 along with increasing the monthly fixed charge for meter sizes – for normal home size meters of 5/8” and 3/4” the increase in 2008 was to the current rate of \$15.60 per month. From there the size of the meter determined the change – for 2” to the 6” meters increases ranged from \$1.00 a month to \$19.00 per month depending on size of meter.

As part of the every two year rate study requirement the Utility did a study in October of 2017. The recommendations were to raise the volume charge per 100 cubic feet of usage from the current \$5.36 to \$5.65 – a change of \$.29. For the monthly fixed charge the normal home size meter of 5/8” and 3/4” will go from \$15.60 to \$15.70 per month an increase of \$.10 per month. The larger size meters will change based on meter size ranging from \$1.00 to \$31.00 per month.

What does this mean for a average household? The auditing firm who did the study reported that an average household uses approximately 400 cubic feet of water per month. With that amount of usage the average household would see a projected \$1.26 per month increase. Again, this is based on usage. During the summer months if there is a garden that needs watering or other activities that use water this cost would be different.

Below is the chart of the old and new rates. The new rates will go into effect on April 1st so you’ll see them on your bill in May.

<b>Customers by Type:</b>	<b>Current Rate:</b>	<b>Adopted Rate:</b>	<b>Difference:</b>
Volume Charge 100 cubic ft	\$5.36	\$5.65	\$ 0.29
Fixed Charges By Meter Size:			
Meter Size: 5/8”	\$15.60	\$15.70	\$ 0.10
3/4”	\$15.60	\$15.70	\$ 0.10
1”	\$20.00	\$21.00	\$ 1.00
1 ¼”	\$23.00	\$25.00	\$ 2.00
1 ½”	\$26.00	\$29.00	\$ 3.00
2”	\$34.00	\$39.00	\$ 5.00
3”	\$53.00	\$62.00	\$ 9.00
4”	\$80.00	\$94.00	\$14.00
6”	\$146.00	\$177.00	\$31.00
Master Units	\$7.25/unit	\$7.25/unit	\$ 0.00

A copy of the rate study is on the City of Columbus website: [www.cityofcolumbuswi.com](http://www.cityofcolumbuswi.com) on the City Treasurer’s page or can be obtained by contacting the City of Columbus, City Hall offices at 105 N. Dickason Boulevard or by calling (920)623-5900. Hours: 8:00 - 4:30 Monday through Friday.