

Water and Sewer Rate Change

Effective with water usage starting July 15, 2016

What is the change?

In June 2016, Town Council adopted new water and sewer rates to become effective with water use starting July 15, 2016.

Under Virginia State Law, sewer usage must be charged under a flat-rate structure. The sewer rate will be a flat rate of \$15.19 per 1,000 gallons.

There is a minimum charge of 1,000 gallons for both water and sewer.

The water tiered-rate structure is intended to encourage wise water usage with lower water rates for lower water users.

Both water and sewer meters will have their own fixed service fee. This fee is intended to help cover costs of operations and billing that are not directly related to the quantity of water used. Table 3 shows the fixed service fee for each size meter. Users will be charged two fixed service fees if they have both water and sewer service. For instance, if the water meter is 1" and both water and sewer service are used, then the total fixed service fee would be

\$75.00 (\$37.50+\$37.50).

NOTE: Customers may NOT tamper with their water meter in any way without a permit issued by the Town Manager per Town Code:

Sec. 82-44. No authorized person shall uncover, make connections with, use, alter or disturb any public water line or meter box and appurtenances or use, alter, disturb or molest any meter, valve, crock, pipe, or other property of the town water works, without first obtaining a written permit from the Town Manager.

Sec. 82-7. Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter (Water Service) shall become liable to the town for any expense, loss or damage occasioned by the town by reason of such violation.

If any Town of Purcellville water customer needs to access their water meter they should contact Town Hall at 540-338-7421 for assistance.

TABLE 1: SEWER RATES

In Town Rate	Out of Town Rate
\$15.19/1000 gallons	\$30.38/1000 gallons

TABLE 2: WATER RATES

TIER	RATE	TIER	RATE
1st tier 5,000 gallons	\$6.34/1000 gallons	10th 50,000 gallons (250,001–300,000)	\$26.71/1000 gallons
2nd 5,000 gallons (5,001-10,000)	\$8.46/1000 gallons	11th 50,000 gallons (300,001–350,000)	\$28.84/1000 gallons
3rd 5,000 gallons (10,001-15,000)	\$10.20/1000 Gallons	12th 50,000 gallons (350,001–400,000)	\$30.98/1000 gallons
4th 5,000 gallons (15,001 –20,000)	\$12.14/1000 gallons	13th 50,000 gallons (400,001–450,000)	\$33.12/1000 gallons
5th 30,000 gallons (20,001– 50,000)	\$15.15/1000 gallons	14th 50,000 gallons (450,001–500,000)	\$38.47/1000 gallons
6th 50,000 gallon (50,001–100,000)	\$17.29/1000 gallons	15th 50,000 gallons (500,001–550,000)	\$43.81/1000 gallons
7th 50,000 gallons (100,001–150,000)	\$19.44/1000 gallons	16th 50,000 gallons (550,001–600,000)	\$49.15/1000 gallons
8th 50,000 gallons (150,001–200,000)	\$21.57/1000 gallons	17th tier (600,001 and over)	\$54.50/1000 gallons
9th 50,000 gallons (200,001–250,000)	\$24.57/1000 gallons		

TABLE 3: EXAMPLE WATER FEE COMPUTATION

TIER	RATE	COMPUTE	COST
1st 5,000 gallons	\$6.34/1000 gallons	(\$6.34/1000) *5,000	\$31.70
Excess of 5,000 gallons	\$8.46/1000 gallons	(\$8.46/1000) *5,000	\$42.30
TOTAL			\$74.00

*Only calculates the water usage rate and does not show sewer or fixed service fee.

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TABLE 3: FIXED SERVICE FEE

METER SIZE	FIXED SERVICE FEE	
	WATER	SEWER
5/8"	\$15.00	\$15.00
3/4"	\$15.00	\$15.00
1"	\$37.50	\$37.50
1.5"	\$75.00	\$75.00
2"	\$119.99	\$119.99
3"	\$239.48	\$239.48
4"	\$374.97	\$374.97
6"	\$479.93	\$479.93
8"	\$1199.88	\$1199.88

Save on Your Bill

The Town encourages you to find ways to reduce your water and sewer use. Please visit www.purcellvilleva.gov to learn more about how you can conserve water. Remember, under the new water rate system, lower water usage means lower water rates. The rates rise as each additional 5,000 gallons is used. *If you have any questions*



concerning the rate study, please contact us directly:

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For more information please visit: www.purcellvilleva.gov

Water Theft—We Need Your Help!

The Town is experiencing a growing number of water thefts to the system by contractors. These thefts cause discoloration of the water to residents and a reduction in revenue to the water fund. So if your water appears to be discolored, take a look around at nearby fire hydrants. If you see a truck hooked up to a hydrant, write down any information such as the license plate number that would help us identify the thief. Then **immediately** call the Police Department at (540) 338-7422.

Through a Town-community partnership, the effective prevention of water theft can be realized. Remember water theft directly impacts the citizens who depend upon Town water to meet their needs—that's you!

ONLY fire trucks and Town of Purcellville vehicles are permitted to use water from fire hydrants. Please be on the lookout for any unauthorized activity surrounding fire hydrants. A \$50 credit, applied to your water bill, will be issued for any tips that result in the apprehension of the thief.

If you suspect water theft call *immediately*:
**Purcellville Police Department
(540) 338-7422**

Start Using Water Wisely Today!

Outdoor Tips

- Water your lawn only when needed. Your lawn only needs about one inch of water a week. Or, better yet, don't water your lawn. It will get green when it starts raining again.
- Water early in the morning or late in the evening to minimize evaporation. Also, avoid watering on windy days.
- Adjust your sprinklers to water only your lawn/garden and not your house or driveway.
- Mulch around plants to reduce evaporation.

Indoor Tips

- Give pets a bath in an outdoor area that needs water.
- Check for and fix leaky toilets and faucets. Leaks can account for almost 14% of indoor water use!
- Only run the dishwasher and washing machine when full to save 1000 gallons a month.
- Install a low-flow showerhead.
- When washing dishes by hand, don't let the water run. Fill one sink with wash water, the other with rinse water.