



# Water and Sewer Rate Change

Effective with water usage starting July 16, 2019

## What is the change?

In June 2019, Town Council adopted a 3% increase in water and sewer rates to become effective with usage starting July 16, 2019.

Under Virginia State Law, sewer usage must be charged under a flat-rate structure. The sewer rate will be a flat rate of \$15.95 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. Users will be charged two fixed service fees if they have both water and sewer service. For instance, if the water meter is 5/8" and both water and sewer service are used, then the total fixed service fee would be \$30.00 (\$15+\$15).

**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

**Bi-Monthly Bills Mailed**  
**February 1**  
**April 1**  
**June 1**  
**August 1**  
**October 1**  
**December 1**

## SEWER RATES

In Town Rate	Out of Town Rate
\$15.95/1000 gallons	\$31.90/1000 gallons

## WATER RATES

TIER	RATE	TIER	RATE
1st tier 5,000 gallons	\$6.66/1000 gallons	10th 50,000 gallons (250,001–300,000)	\$28.06/1000 gallons
2nd 5,000 gallons (5,001-10,000)	\$8.89/1000 gallons	11th 50,000 gallons (300,001–350,000)	\$30.30/1000 gallons
3rd 5,000 gallons (10,001-15,000)	\$10.71/1000 Gallons	12th 50,000 gallons (350,001–400,000)	\$32.55/1000 gallons
4th 5,000 gallons (15,001 –20,000)	\$12.75/1000 gallons	13th 50,000 gallons (400,001–450,000)	\$34.79/1000 gallons
5th 30,000 gallons (20,001– 50,000)	\$15.91/1000 gallons	14th 50,000 gallons (450,001–500,000)	\$40.42/1000 gallons
6th 50,000 gallon (50,001–100,000)	\$18.17/1000 gallons	15th 50,000 gallons (500,001–550,000)	\$46.03/1000 gallons
7th 50,000 gallons (100,001–150,000)	\$20.42/1000 gallons	16th 50,000 gallons (550,001–600,000)	\$51.63/1000 gallons
8th 50,000 gallons (150,001–200,000)	\$22.66/1000 gallons	17th tier (600,001 and over)	\$57.26/1000 gallons
9th 50,000 gallons (200,001–250,000)	\$25.81/1000 gallons	Out Of Town Users:	Multiply tier X 2

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

# Water and Sewer Bill Example Calculation

## Example of Bi-Monthly Bill for 9,000 gallons (5/8" Meter)

DESCRIPTION	RATE	COMPUTE	COST
1,000-5,000 gallons	\$6.66/1000 gallons	$(\$6.66 * 5000) / 1000$	\$33.30
5,001-10,000 gallons	\$8.89/1000 gallons	$(\$8.89 * 4000) / 1000$	\$35.56
Sewer Charge Per 1000 gallons	\$15.95	$(15.95 * 9000) / 1000$	\$143.55
5/8" Fixed Service Fee (Water)	\$15.00	Fixed Charge based on meter size	\$15.00
5/8" Fixed Service Fee (Sewer)	\$15.00	Fixed charge based on meter size	\$15.00
		TOTAL	\$242.41

Check out our convenient water bill calculator on our website!



221 S. Nursery Ave.  
Purcellville, VA 20132  
540-338-7421

For more information please visit: [www.purcellvilleva.gov](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov)

### Save on Your Bill

The Town encourages you to find ways to reduce your water usage. Please visit [www.purcellvilleva.gov](http://www.purcellvilleva.gov) to learn more about how you can conserve water. Remember, under the tiered water rate system, lower water usage means lower water rates. *If you have questions concerning the rates, please contact us directly:*

**Buster Nicholson**  
Director of Public Works  
(540) 338-7440 ext 224  
[bnicholson@purcellvilleva.gov](mailto:bnicholson@purcellvilleva.gov)



### Water Theft—We Need Your Help!

The Town has encountered water thefts to the system by individuals and contractors. These thefts cause discoloration of the water to residents and a reduction in revenue to the water fund. 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.

- Give pets a bath in an outdoor area that needs water.

#### **Indoor Tips**

- 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.