

Atascosa Rural Water Supply Rate Increase Break Down

The Atascosa Rural Water Supply Corporation Board has approved new water rates for ARWSC Water System customers. The new water rates were discussed at length during the most recent Board meeting on June 11th, 2024, and therefore are necessary for maintenance, upgrades and rising utility costs.

The new water rates will be reflected for the first time on the water bill that will be due by September 10th, 2024.

All ARWSC water bills will reflect a \$5.00 increase for the minimum (base) water usage rate. The late fee will also have a \$5.00 increase.

For example, on your bill shown as “Water”

(example is based on your customer meter size)

Meter Service Size	Current Rate	New Rate
5/8	\$18.20	\$23.20
1 inch	\$42.20	\$47.20
1 ½ inch	\$91.00	\$96.00
2 inch	\$145.60	\$150.60

Why did the water rate increase?

Water rates are evaluated each year by the ARWSC staff. They are adjusted to ensure that revenues received from customers of the water system are sufficient to cover the cost of operating, maintaining the system, and complete budgeted capital improvements. These funds are essentially self-funded through utility rates. Atascosa Rural Water Supply Corporation Provides safe and clean drinking water. We are also dedicated to keeping rates affordable by maintaining lean staffing and using reserves when necessary. However, the following costs continue to rise including overall operational costs, maintaining adequate financial reserves for emergencies and future needs. Although the rates have increased ARWSC continues to be still some of the most affordable water across the state of Texas.

How can I reduce my water bill?

Customers can reduce their direct water usage by the following examples.

- Monitor for leaks and repair them as soon as possible (e.g., sinks, faucets, water heaters, furnace humidifiers, water conditioners, sprinkler systems, etc.)
- Replace outdated appliances with water-saving fixtures
- Install a low-flow showerhead or dual flush toilet
- Take shorter showers and turn off the tap while brushing teeth