Our Water Rates are Increasing

The Board of Directors for Rural Water District #3 Washington County voted to increase water rates effective August 1st, 2024. The last time we raised our water rates was in May 2019. The following table summarizes the approved change in our water rates:

Current Monthly Water Rates[2]	Effective May 1st, 2019		Effective August 1st, 2024
Monthly Minimum Charge			
Residential	$18.00		$18.00
Commercial	Based on Meter Size[1]		Based on Meter Size
Per/1,000 Charge			
0 – 400,000 gallons	$4.00		$6.00
401,000 – 600,000 gallons	$4.05		$6.05
Over 601,000 gallons	$9.30		$11.30

(1) Commercial minimum monthly charges range from $21 to $67.39 per month.

(2) Customers served by other sources are charged the applicable monthly minimum plus 30 percent over District's cost of water.

A family using an average of 5,000 gallons per month can expect their monthly water bill to increase by $10.00 (from $38.00 to $48.00) or approximately 26.3 percent.

For comparison purposes only, we have included information for a typical residential customer:

Charges	Washington. County #3	Tulsa[1]	Owasso[1][2]	Rogers[3] County #3	Rogers[4] County #5	Collinsville[1]
Monthly Min.	$18.00	$8.54	$16.00	$25.00	$28.00	$15.49
Per/1,000	$6.00	$5.45	$9.56+	$3.73+	$5.00+	$8.30
Using 5,000 gallons						
Your Water Bill	$48.00	$35.79	$54.42	$44.70	$53.00	$56.99

(1) Outside City Limit rates shown.

(2) First 1,000 gallons included in minimum. Then $8.14 for 2,000 gallons; $8.20 for 3,000 – 5,000 gallons

(3) Per/1000 charge is $3.55 for each 1,000 gallons up to 4,000; then $4.55 each up to 10,000 gallons

(4) Per/1000 charge is $3.00 for each 1,000 gallons up to 2,000; then $3.50 each up to 5,000 gallons