



Water & Sewer Rate Increase Fact Sheet

On May 7, 2008 the Board of Commissioners approved a proposed 15% water increase for Fulton County's water/sewer service area.

Why is Fulton County proposing to increase its water and sewer rate?

1. Water utilities are experiencing lower than average revenue due to compliance with watering restrictions mandated by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.
2. Despite a loss of revenue, the County has expenses that remain constant, including infrastructure maintenance and payment on debt service for infrastructure improvement.
3. Inflation has led to a general increase in the cost of doing business.

When is the last time a water and sewer rate increase was implemented?

Over the past 11 years, Fulton County has only increased its water and sewer rate one time. In 2004, the County raised rates 5%.

What will be the impact on customers?

Under the proposed increase, a residential customer on Fulton County water and sewer who uses 7,000 gallons per month would pay an additional \$8.90 per month. A water only residential customer would pay an increase of \$3.21 and a sewer only residential customer would pay an increase of \$5.69 per month. Wholesale rates will increase from \$1.88 to \$2.16 per 1,000 gallons for water and from \$1.44 to \$1.66 per 1,000 gallons for sewer.

Who is impacted?

All Fulton County water and sewer services customers, including residential, commercial and wholesale accounts.

How do Fulton County rates compare with other governments?

Fulton County's rates are comparable to other water and sewer utilities in metro Atlanta.

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- Sewer: from **\$1.44 to \$1.66 per 1,000 gallons**

Regional Comparison of Water and Sewer Rates

Table A				
Fulton County Public Works Department				
Rate Comparison				
	Water	Sewer	Water & Sewer	
Typical Bill (7,000 Gallons)				
	\$	\$	\$	
City of Atlanta Outside	32.76	68.64	101.40	
City of Atlanta Inside	27.15	68.64	95.79	
Etowah Water & Sewer Authority	40.31	43.20	83.51	
Douglas County	32.94	42.61	75.55	
Paulding County	36.20	37.00	73.20	
Cherokee County	30.45	40.60	71.05	
Henry County	35.00	35.00	70.00	
Fulton County – (with 15% Increase)	24.62	43.62	68.24	
Gwinnett County	32.92	31.64	64.56	
Rockdale County	28.13	34.55	62.68	
City of Roswell	25.90	34.93	60.83	
Forsyth County	26.73	33.88	60.61	
Fulton County (Current rate)	21.41	37.93	59.34	
Cobb County	24.29	32.06	56.35	
Dekalb County	10.55	40.40	50.95	