



FACT SHEET

Proposed 2010/11 Rate Increase for City Services Residential Customers

<p>Why are water rates increasing this year?</p>	<p>The City of Davis Public Works Department is dedicated to providing safe and reliable water for the community. The proposed water rate increase is expected to generate \$10.9 million in revenue for fiscal year 2010-2011.</p> <p>The majority of the funds would be used for operations and maintenance. The revenue will also fund repairs and replacements (for example, water main replacement and corrosion control) as well as one year's expenses for the Woodland-Davis Clean Water Agency project.</p>
<p>When will the new water rates take effect?</p>	<p>If approved, the new water rates will take effect as outlined below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Water (Base Rate) -- Effective August 1, 2010 • Water (Consumption Rate) – Effective September 1, 2010 <p>The water base rate is a fixed charge, while the water consumption rate is based on use. Because the water meter reading data is collected every other month, residents will not see the revised water rates until the December bill, which reflects the individual household's water usage for the months of September and October.</p>
<p>Why are sanitary sewer rates increasing this year?</p>	<p>The proposed sanitary sewer rate increase is expected to generate \$12.8 million in revenue for fiscal year 2010-2011.</p>

	<p>The bulk of the funding will be used for operations and maintenance. About \$5.1 million will go toward the wastewater treatment plant upgrade project. The remainder of the funds will be used for repairs and replacements.</p>
<p>When will the new sanitary sewer rate take effect?</p>	<p>If approved, the new water rates (for both base and variable rates) will take effect August 1, 2010.</p>
<p>Why is the sanitary sewer rate based on winter water usage?</p>	<p>Since the water meter measures total water entering a property, winter water usage is used to estimate indoor water use during the months of November through February when outdoor water use is much lower.</p>
<p>What does ccf stand for?</p>	<p>Ccf (one hundred cubic foot) is a unit of measurement. One ccf is the equivalent of 748 gallons of water. If a household has a monthly winter water usage of 8 ccf, it means the individual household contributed an average of 5,984 gallons of water to the sewer system in one month.</p>
<p>How do I know if I have a leak, where can I get help?</p>	<p>Davis Public Works Department provides free leak checks to single family residential customers.</p> <p>Please call (530) 757-5686 during business hours to request a free leak check.</p>