

2022 Water Rate Adjustment

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In November 2017, the City Council approved a plan at a Public Hearing to adjust water rates over the five-year period of 2018 through 2022 for customers served by the Torrance Municipal Water system. The rate adjustments are needed to pay for system infrastructure replacements and refurbishments, meet new regulatory requirements, and cover higher operating costs. In addition, the rate adjustment will also fund the development of new local water resources to reduce the municipal system's current dependence on expensive imported water, enhance the reliability of the community's water supply, lower long-term water costs and help stabilize rates in the future.

The rate adjustment only applies to customers served by Torrance Municipal Water (TMW). To continue meeting State water use reduction targets the rate structure retained a conservation based tiered rate structure, which encourages conservation and allocates costs to those whose increased water use imposes higher costs on TMW. The only change to the rate structure was the elimination of the Tier-4 rate for the Single Family Residential Customer (SFR) rate classification effective January 2018.

In accordance with the five-year rate plan approved by City Council, the overall rate increase to all Standard Rate Customers (non-contractual) will be 0.67% effective January 2021 based on the annual change in the consumer price index (CPI) for the Los Angeles region. Water rates consist of two components - a fixed Meter Service Charge (also known as Readiness-to-Serve (RTS) Charge) and a variable charge, known as the Commodity Charge, based on the quantity of water usage. In addition, there are adjustments in charges to customers who require dedicated Private Fire Protection Service, customers in the high-pressure zone who pay a Pumping Service Charge, and for Standard Rate Recycled water use customers.

Even with this adjustment, TMW rates will remain the lowest or amongst the lowest in the area.

Rate Adjustment Notice Mailed in December 2021

STARTING WITH THE BILLING FOR	
FEBRUARY 2022 FOR STANDARD RATE CUSTOMERS BILLED ON A MONTHLY BASIS - OR - MARCH 2022 FOR STANDARD RATE CUSTOMERS BILLED ON A BI-MONTHLY BASIS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An overall average system water rate adjustment of 5.36%. The change in your water bill for 2022 will vary depending on your customer water use within the tiered rate structure.• An increase in the fixed monthly Meter Service (Readiness-to-Serve, RTS) Charge. For customers with 3/4" meter, the increase will be \$0.38 per month. The RTS charge for other sized meters is based on size and capacity of the meter.• An increase in the Private Fire Protection (PFP) Charge based on the size and capacity of the dedicated PFP meter.• An increase in the Pumping Service Charge based on the size and capacity of the meter.

Water Rates to become effective January 1, 2022

Usage measured in hundreds of cubic feet (CCFs or billing units) which equals approximately 748 gallons

I. Quantity Rates (Commodity) for Standard Rate Customers			
Customer Class	Tier	Monthly Usage CCF	2022 Rate \$ per CCF
Single Family Residential (SFR)	1	First 7	\$3.415
	2	8-12	\$5.767
	3	13+	\$6.982
	4	Eliminated	Eliminated
All Other Customers (a)	1	0-10	\$3.887
	2	11+	\$5.549
(a) Excludes Contractual Rates			
Senior Low-Income or Disabled Low-Income (a)	1	First 7	\$2.933
	2	8-12	\$5.286
	3	13+	\$6.501
	4	Eliminated	Eliminated

II. Meter Service Charge (Readiness to Serve)		III. Private Fire Protection Service (Fireline Service Charge)		IV. Pumping Service Charge (Applies to Customers in High Pressure Zone)	
Meter Size	Monthly Charge 2022	Meter Size	Monthly Charge 2022	Meter Size	Monthly Charge 2022
3/4"	\$7.48	2"	\$6.43	3/4"	\$6.40
1"	\$10.74	3"	\$13.71	1"	\$10.66
1 1/2"	\$18.89	4"	\$26.29	1 1/2"	\$21.29

2"	\$28.68	6"	\$71.40	2"	\$34.08
3"	\$59.64	8"	\$149.24	3"	\$74.54
4"	\$105.30	10"	\$266.32	4"	\$134.17
6"	\$214.49	12"	\$428.60	6"	\$276.84
8"	\$393.83			8"	\$511.10
10"	\$622.03			10"	\$809.22
12"	\$817.65			12"	\$1,064.76
14"	\$1,225.18				

V. Recycled Quantity (Commodity) Rates for Standard Rate Customers

Customer Class	Tier	Monthly Usage CCF	2022 Rate \$ per CCF
Single Family Residential (SFR)	1	First 7	\$2.391
	2	8 - 12	\$4.037
	3	13+	\$4.887
All Other Customers (a)	1	0 - 10	\$2.721
	2	11+	\$3.884

VI. Meter Service Charge (Readiness-to-Serve)

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3/4"	\$7.48
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VII. Fire Flow Service Charge - \$240.00 per test

