

Okaloosa County News Release

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Okaloosa Water and Sewer Rate Increase Begins Oct. 1

The Okaloosa County Water and Sewer Department rates increase takes effect on October 1, 2012. The rate increase is part of an approved Five-Year Rate Plan enacted by the Board of County Commissioners in September 2011. Water and Sewer fixed rates vary based on size of meter and overall water usage.

For more information, call the Citizens Information Line at 311, or for billing information, call 651-7171. Okaloosa County Water and Sewer now accept payments in person, by phone and on line at <http://www.co.okaloosa.fl.us/wsweb/index.html>. The 24-hour phone and on line payment service can be accessed by calling 850-651-7171.

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Potable Water & Sanitary Sewer Charges

1. Fixed Monthly Charge by Meter Sizes:

<u>Meter Size in Inches</u>	<u>Water</u>			<u>Sewer</u>		
	<u>Cust. Service Charge</u>	<u>Readiness-to-Serve Charge</u>	<u>Total Charge</u>	<u>Cust. Service Charge</u>	<u>Readiness-to-Serve Charge</u>	<u>Total Charge</u>
5/8 x 3/4	\$3.26	\$5.87	\$9.13	\$3.26	\$15.33	\$18.59
1	\$3.26	\$14.63	\$17.89	\$3.26	\$38.36	\$41.62
1-1/2	\$3.26	\$29.31	\$32.57	\$3.26	\$76.74	\$80.00
2	\$3.26	\$46.87	\$50.13	\$3.26	\$122.81	\$126.07
3	\$3.26	\$87.91	\$91.17	\$3.26	\$230.25	\$233.51
4	\$3.26	\$146.50	\$149.76	\$3.26	\$383.77	\$387.03
6	\$3.26	\$292.99	\$296.25	\$3.26	\$767.48	\$770.74
8	\$3.26	\$468.76	\$472.02	\$3.26	\$1,228.00	\$1,231.26
10	\$3.26	\$673.83	\$677.09	\$3.26	\$1,765.22	\$1,768.48

A. Usage Charge

(For each 1,000 gallons of water used or any part thereof per month)

<u>Usage Block</u>	<u>Water</u>		<u>Usage Block</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	
	Residential Single Family	All Others		Residential Single Family	All Others
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0-3,000	\$2.28	\$3.14	0-3,000	\$3.57	\$3.57
3,001-10,000	\$3.14	\$3.14	3,001-10,000	\$3.57	\$3.57
>10,000	\$4.67	\$3.14	>10,000	\$0.00	\$3.57

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2. **B.** *Water Flat Rate (for residential single family water customers with county water service available but who have not connected to the County water system)*

 \$26.25 per Month

- C. *Sewer Flat Rate (for residential single family sewer customers without water service, and for residential single family sewer customers with both County water and sewer service available but who have not connected to the County sewer system)*

 \$39.93 per Month

3. *Deposits by Meter Size:*

Meter Size In Inches	Water	Sewer
5/8 x 3/4	\$25.00	\$25.00
1	\$45.00	\$60.00
1- 1/2	\$85.00	\$120.00
2	\$135.00	\$190.00
3	\$250.00	\$350.00
4	\$420.00	\$580.00
6	\$835.00	\$1155.00
8	\$1,335.00	\$1,845.00
10	\$1,915.00	\$2,655.00

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Fire Line Charges

1. *Fixed Monthly Charge by Connection Size and Required Deposit:*

<u>Connection Size In Inches</u>	<u>Capacity Expansion Charges</u>	<u>Fire Line Fixed Monthly Charge</u>			<u>Required Deposit</u>
		<u>Customer Service Charge</u>	<u>Readiness- to-Serve Charge</u>	<u>- Total Charge</u>	
2	\$1,200.00	\$2.78	\$31.83	\$34.61	\$25.00
3	\$1,400.00	\$2.78	\$39.81	\$42.59	\$30.00
4	\$1,600.00	\$2.78	\$55.72	\$58.50	\$40.00
6	\$2,000.00	\$2.78	\$79.62	\$82.40	\$55.00
8	\$3,000.00	\$2.78	\$111.45	\$114.23	\$75.00
10	\$4,000.00	\$2.78	\$159.24	\$162.02	\$105.00
12	\$6,000.00	\$2.78	\$222.92	\$225.70	\$145.00

Note: The cost of construction of any water and/or fire lines will be charged to the customer.

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Capacity Expansion Charges

1. Water Capacity Expansion Charges:

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Base Capacity Expansion Charge</u>	<u>Plus for Each Additional User (ERU)*</u>
3/4 inch	\$800.00	\$800.00
1 inch	\$1,000.00	\$800.00
>1 inch	Cost of Meter Set	\$800.00

2. Sewer Capacity Expansion Charges:

<u>Outlet Size</u>	<u>Base Capacity Expansion Charge</u>	<u>Plus for Each Additional User (ERU)*</u>
4 inch	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
6 inch	\$4,000.00	\$3,200.00
8 inch	\$5,000.00	\$3,200.00

* Except for hotels and motels which shall be assessed a charge for each additional ERU at a unit equivalency of 0.5. Based upon the results of empirical studies of water use by hotels/motels and residential users presented in the American Waterworks Association (AWWA) manual, AWWA M6 "Water Meters -Selection, Installation, Testing and Maintenance.

Hotels and Motels are defined for the purpose of this ordinance as follows: Any building containing principally sleeping rooms in which transient guests are lodged with or without meals, with no provisions made for cooking in any individual room or suites.

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Ancillary Fees & Charges

	Type of Service or Fee	Charge
1.	Service Charge	\$30.00
2.	Late Payment For Non-Pay	\$30.00
3.	Vacation Off	\$30.00
4.	Temp Clean On/Off	\$40.00
5.	After Hours Service	\$75.00
6.	Lock Meter for Delinquent Bill/Unauthorized Use	\$50.00
7.	Replace Broken Meter Lock	\$125.00
8.	Meter Pull for Delinquent Bill/Unauthorized Use	\$150.00
9.	Repair/Replace Broken Curb Stop	\$150.00
10.	Replace Touch Pad	\$40.00
11.	Replace 3/4" Meter	\$150.00
12.	Replace Meter Register	\$100.00
13.	Replace Meter Box Lid	\$30.00
14.	Replace Residential Meter Box	\$75.00
15.	Replace Residential Backflow Preventer	\$50.00
16.	Meter Set (3/4")	\$200.00
17.	Re-verify Water Service Connection	\$150.00
18.	Re-verify Sewer Service Connection	\$150.00
19.	Backflow Inspection (annual & 1 re-inspection)	\$50.00
20.	Backflow Re-inspection (second test)	\$50.00
21.	Meter Leak Check	\$50.00
22.	Plan Review Fee - Water	\$250.00
23.	Plan Review Fee - Sewer	\$250.00
24.	Return Check Fee (Insufficient Funds) *	\$25.00
25.	Reverse Bank Draft (Insufficient Funds) *	\$25.00
26.	Fire Hydrant Meter/Backflow Assembly - Deposit	\$500.00
27.	Fire Hydrant Meter/Backflow Assembly - Set Charge	\$75.00
28.	Sewer Pretreatment Permit Application	\$750.00

29.	Sewer Pretreatment Permit Renewal/Modification	\$750.00
30.	Sewer Pretreatment Annual Fee	\$1,000.00
31.	Sewer Pretreatment Review Accidental Discharge	\$1,000.00
32.	Sewer Pretreatment Violation (Per Day)	\$1,250.00
33.	Sewer Pretreatment Violation Appeal Filing Fee	\$100.00
34.	New Utility Construction Inspection - Water **	\$150.00
35.	New Utility Construction Inspection - Sewer **	\$150.00
36.	New Utility Construction - Re-Inspection	\$250.00
37.	No Pre-Construction Meeting Fine	\$250.00
38.	Red Flag Administrative Fee	\$10.00

* = or per current state statute

** = charge includes initial, follow-up, and final inspection

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<p>High Strength Wastewater Surcharges</p>

<u>Waste Parameter</u>	<u>High Strength Threshold (in mg/l)</u>	<u>Charge per Unit</u>
1. BOD	300 - 1,000	\$0.28 Per Pound
	> 1,000	\$0.37 Per Pound
2. Fats	00 - 200	\$0.32 Per Pound
	> 200	\$0.90 Per Pound
3. Suspended Solids	200 - 800	\$0.20 Per Pound
	> 800	\$0.32 Per Pound
4. Temperature	> 100 Degrees F	\$0.15 Per Degree
5. Septage	First 500 Gallons	\$46.06 500 Gallons
	Each Add. 100 Gallons	\$8.60 100 Gallons

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**Inter-Utility Emergency
Water Rates**

Rates for Utilities that have Inter-Local agreements with Okaloosa County Water and Sewer for Emergency Water Service:

1. Water Consumption will be billed at the rate of \$1.00 per 1,000 gallons.