

## 2021 Water Rates

Type	Monthly Base Rate
Residential ¾"	\$26.78
Commercial ¾"	\$36.73
Commercial 1"	\$51.24
Commercial 1.5"	\$84.12

\*Only the most common rates are listed, for full list of rates, please visit our website

## 2021 Wastewater Rates

Type	Monthly Base Rate
Residential Sewer	\$30.68
Commercial Sewer	\$53.65

# Senior Citizen Program

The City of Everman recognizes that living on a fixed income level is difficult. Therefore, special consideration has been given to those residents who are 65 years of age or older. Senior Citizen rates are not automatically applied and must be requested. For more information, please call 817-293-0525.

Water Base Rate           \$18.23

Sewer Base Rate           \$21.77



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# City of Everman

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# Background

Historically, the City of Everman has been proud to provide residents and business owners with some of the lowest water and wastewater rates available in the North Texas Region. Unfortunately, in the process of doing so, this has prohibited the City of Everman from being able to adequately maintain and improve our water infrastructure system. The City of Everman has previously been forced to issue bonds or take out loans in order to simply maintain our system at acceptable levels. This has ultimately led to significant increases in ad valorem taxes, hurting property owners. In Fiscal Year 2020, the City of Everman required transfers of over \$300,000.00 of General Funds in order to support Water and Wastewater operations. These funds could have otherwise been allocated to other infrastructure needs such as sidewalks, roadways, park improvements and more. Lastly, the City of Everman Water and Wastewater Reserve Fund balance is dangerously low and unable to support any major incidents or upgrades.

# Goals

This year, the City of Everman conducted a regional survey of water rates. The survey compared water and sewer rates of like size cities, and also took general maintenance and planned improvement costs into consideration. It was determined that the City of Everman had water and sewer rates far below the average. As a result, the City of Everman is planning to adopt the average base rates as determined by the survey. The following goals have been established in regard to the water rate increases:

- Rates will be set at a level that will **cover the full cost of producing, treating, storing, and distributing water to customers**. The new rates will also cover operation, maintenance, and regulatory compliance costs, as well as, help build financial reserves.
- Rates will be **Fair & Equitable**. Fair meaning the rate is high enough to cover the full cost of the system. Equitable means that each class of customer is paying its fair share of the costs (i.e., Residential vs. Commercial).

- Build a Reserve Fund Balance that is capable of covering 3 months of operations in the event of a catastrophic event.
- Build a Capital Improvement Fund that will cover system improvements and upgrades; minimizing the need to levy Ad Valorem Taxes, issue bonds, or take out additional loans. Ultimately, this will provide the City with the ability to lower Ad Valorem Taxes in the near future.
- Provide funds to support system improvements. This will give us the ability to become more independent from Fort Worth Water System and ultimately lower dependency and costs in the future.
- Increase the water system capability, ultimately improving our system and qualifying the City of Everman for a lower ISO rating. An improved ISO rating will lead to lower insurance premiums for property owners.

## Impact...

The City of Everman water step rates are also significantly lower than other similar-size cities, but there are no changes being proposed or implemented to these rates at this time.

The new water rates will become effective **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021**. Most residential customers will see a **\$14.46 monthly increase** in their water bills as a result of adopting these average rates. Commercial customers will see a larger increase.