



Milwaukee Water Works: New 2023 Water Rate Increase for Residential Customers

Milwaukee Water Works is committed to providing safe, affordable drinking water. Providing clean, great-tasting water requires investment to maintain water quality, operations, and provide services.

The [Public Service Commission](#) is a regulatory body established by state law that **sets the rates that Milwaukee Water Works charges to all customers**. The PSC established new rates on March 3, 2023.

Total water charges (usage and fees) will increase by 10.12% for the typical residential household using 15 Ccf per quarter, as of April 1, 2023.

Water usage rates are calculated by volume:

- Usage is billed in Centum cubic feet (100 cubic feet, or Ccf). One Ccf equals 748 gallons.
- The old rate was \$2.14 per Ccf, or, less than 1/3 of one cent per gallon (\$.0028 per gallon.)
- The PSC has set a new usage rate of \$2.46 per Ccf (\$.0031 per gallon.)

The typical residential customer uses 5 Ccf per person, per quarterly billing cycle. The quarterly increase of \$1.60 per person for typical water usage results in an *annual increase* of \$6.40 per person for the water usage fee. The chart below shows the usage increase for typical households of 1-4 people.

Quarterly usage by volume (Ccf)	Old rate: \$2.14 per Ccf	New rate (4/1/23): \$2.46 per Ccf	Quarterly increase	Annual increase
5	\$10.70	\$12.30	\$1.60	\$6.40
10	\$21.40	\$24.60	\$3.20	\$12.80
15	\$32.10	\$36.90	\$4.80	\$19.20
20	\$42.80	\$49.20	\$6.40	\$25.60

Water Service Charge and Public Fire Protection fee:

Regulations require MWW to assess a fixed **Water Service Charge** and a fixed **Public Fire Protection fee**. These are based on the size of the customer's water meter. For typical residential customers:

- The old Water Service Charge is \$18.52 per quarter.
- The new Water Service Charge has increased by \$2.08, to \$20.60 per quarter.
- The old Public Fire Protection fee is \$9.53 per quarter.
- The Public Fire Protection fee has *decreased* by \$.79, to \$8.74 per quarter.

The chart below indicates the change in **total water charges** for typical residential users per quarter and annually. **With all water charges included, there is a quarterly increase of \$6.09, and annual increase of \$24.36, for the typical residential household using 15Ccf.**

Quarterly use in Ccf	Water Usage charge increase	Fixed Water Service charge increase	Fixed Public Fire Protection Fee <i>decrease</i>	Net change in water charges per quarter	Total net annual increase
5	+ \$1.60	+ \$2.08	-\$.79	+\$2.89	+ \$11.56
10	+ \$3.20	+ \$2.08	-\$.79	+\$4.49	+ \$17.96
15	+ \$4.80	+ \$2.08	-\$.79	+\$6.09	+ \$24.36
20	+ \$6.40	+ \$2.08	-\$.79	+\$7.69	+ \$30.76

Quarterly Water Charges: Old Charges, 2023 Increase, Net Change, and % Change

Old

Ccf	Usage (\$2.14)	Service fee	Fire	Total Charges
5	\$10.70	\$18.52	\$9.53	\$38.75
10	\$21.40	\$18.52	\$9.53	\$49.45
15	\$32.10	\$18.52	\$9.53	\$60.15
20	\$42.80	\$18.52	\$9.53	\$70.85

New (Effective April 1, 2023)

Ccf	Usage (\$2.46)	Service fee	Fire	Total Charges
5	\$12.30	\$20.60	\$8.74	\$41.64
10	\$24.60	\$20.60	\$8.74	\$53.94
15	\$36.90	\$20.60	\$8.74	\$66.24
20	\$49.20	\$20.60	\$8.74	\$78.54

Net Change

Ccf	Usage	Service fee	Fire	Total Charges
5	\$1.60	\$2.08	-\$.79	\$2.89
10	\$3.20	\$2.08	-\$.79	\$4.49
15	\$4.80	\$2.08	-\$.79	\$6.09
20	\$6.40	\$2.08	-\$.79	\$7.69

% Change

Ccf	Usage	Service fee	Fire	Total Charges
5	14.95%	11.23%	- 8.29%	7.45%
10	14.95%	11.23%	- 8.29%	9.08%
15	14.95%	11.23%	- 8.29%	10.12%
20	14.95%	11.23%	- 8.29%	10.85%