

Dear Valued Customer,

Recently CEW&SA's Board of Directors approved a future Rate Structure Adjustment. Currently CEW&SA has a base customer charge of \$16.50; included in this base customer charge is 1,000 gallons of water. Over the next two years CEW&SA will be eliminating the amount of water that is currently included in the base customer charge. The customer charge covers fixed costs associated with serving the customer, irrespective of the amount of water used by the customer. The customer charge is the Authority's attempt to cover its fixed expenses with fixed revenues.

CEW&SA's current Residential Water Rates are the following:

0-1,000 gallons	\$16.50 plus 4% utility tax
1,001 – 10,000 gallons	\$ 5.50 per 1,000 gallons
10,001 – 20,000 gallons	\$ 5.75 per 1,000 gallons
20,001 – 30,000 gallons	\$ 6.25 per 1,000 gallons
Over 30,000 gallons	\$ 6.75 per 1,000 gallons

CEW&SA's Residential Water Rates effective April 1, 2019:

0-500 gallons	\$16.50 plus 4% utility tax
501 – 10,000 gallons	\$ 5.50 per 1,000 gallons
10,001 – 20,000 gallons	\$ 5.75 per 1,000 gallons
20,001 – 30,000 gallons	\$ 6.25 per 1,000 gallons
Over 30,000 gallons	\$ 6.75 per 1,000 gallons

For example:

- A customer currently using 500 gallons their current water bill is \$17.16 (\$16.50 water plus \$.66 tax). Effective April 1, 2019 this customer's bill will be \$17.16 (\$16.50 water plus .66 tax); for a difference of \$0.00.
- A customer currently using 1,000 gallons their current water bill is \$17.16 (\$16.50 water plus \$.66 tax). Effective April 1, 2019 this customer's bill will be \$20.02 (\$19.25 water plus \$.77 tax); for a difference of \$2.86
- A customer currently using 3,100 gallons their current water bill is \$29.17 (\$28.05 water plus \$1.12 tax). Effective April 1, 2019 this customer's bill will be \$32.03 (\$30.80 water plus \$1.23 tax); for a difference of \$2.86.
- A customer currently using 10,500 gallons their current water bill is \$71.64 (\$68.88 water plus \$2.76 tax). Effective April 1, 2019 this customer's bill will be \$74.50 (\$71.63 water plus \$2.87 tax); for a difference of \$2.86.

As you can see our water rates did not change; only the rate structure. CEW&SA is lowering the amount of water that is allowed in the base customer charge from 1,000 gallons to 500 gallons effective April 1, 2019. Any account using 500 gallons or less will not be affected. There will be a \$2.86 increase for any account using over 500 gallons.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter.