



2024 Water Rate Change Fact Sheet



Water and sewer services are accounted for in an Enterprise Fund. An Enterprise Fund is different from other governmental funds because it is SELF SUSTAINING, relying primarily on user fees and charges. Water and sewer services are NOT funded by taxes.

DID YOU KNOW?

- **Water rates have not increased since 2017**
- **The water system serves over 2700 connections and maintains over 108 miles of water lines**
- **Material prices for these departments have increased over 50%**
- **New water lines cost \$100(6 inch) - \$250(12 inch) per foot to install**
- **To qualify for most state and federal grants, water rates must be at levels that support operational sustainability**

The City of Baxley has made the difficult decision to raise water rates in order to maintain high quality water service. Critical improvements are required to maintain a system that, in some areas, is over 75 years old. Investing in our water systems now will ensure that we are able to prevent future failures, maintain compliance with growing environmental requirements, be competitive in grant applications and assure dependable service for consumers. The city understands the challenges these changes may bring for residents, but believes that by taking these necessary steps now, we are building a stronger, more reliable water system that will serve and support the entire Baxley community for generations to come.

More Information...



Billing Questions:
367-8300

Service Questions:
367-8314

- New Rates will be effective on bills due October 15, 2024
- For the average residential consumer (3500 gallons monthly), this increase will result in a total(water and sewer) increase of approximately \$15 monthly
- The Senior Citizen Low Income Discount program is still available. Qualifications and applications for that program are available at City Hall.