

**FAQ: The Collier County Water-Sewer District imposed a water use surcharge in response to the declaration of mandatory water-use restrictions by the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD). Why?**

**ANSWER:** Primarily, the surcharge acts to promote water conservation. Studies indicate that in the typical single-family residence, most “indoor” water use falls within the first two rate blocks – from zero to 10,000 gallons. Therefore, usage above 10,000 gallons is believed to be “outdoor” usage –primarily landscape irrigation. By applying the surcharge to consumption over 10,000 gallons, the surcharge is applied to water used primarily for irrigation. If a customer reduces their irrigation consumption by complying with the SFWMD mandated irrigation restrictions –thereby conserving water for other uses – they can avoid a surcharge.

- The surcharge applies to single-family and multi-family accounts for all consumption greater than Block 2.
- The surcharge applies to non-residential accounts for all consumption greater than Block 1.
- The surcharge applies to irrigation only accounts for all consumption.

Potable Water Consumption Rates – per 1,000 gallons  
Individually Metered Residential, Non-residential and Multi-family Residential

Rates per 1,000 gallons	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4	Block 5	Block 6
Effective October 1, 2008	\$2.28	\$3.42	\$4.55	\$5.69	\$6.82	\$9.10

Potable Water Rate Structure: Consumption Blocks in Gallons (up to or next)

Meter Size	Block 1	Block 2	Block 3	Block 4	Block 5	Block 6
5/8” and 3/4”	5,000	10,000	20,000	30,000	50,000	Over 50,000
1”	12,000	25,000	50,000	75,000	120,000	Over 120,000
1 1/2”	25,000	50,000	100,000	150,000	250,000	Over 250,000
2”	40,000	80,000	160,000	240,000	400,000	Over 400,000
3”	80,000	160,000	320,000	480,000	800,000	Over 800,000
4”	120,000	250,000	500,000	800,000	1,200,000	Over 1,200,000
6”	250,000	500,000	1,000,000	1,500,000	2,500,000	Over 2,500,000
8”	450,000	900,000	1,800,000	2,700,000	4,500,000	Over 4,500,000
10”	700,000	1,450,000	2,900,000	4,300,000	7,000,000	Over 7,000,000
12”	1,075,000	2,150,000	4,300,000	6,450,000	11,000,000	Over 11,000,000