

NEW GOODLAND WATER RATES EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2011

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Water and Rates

As operators of the Water-Sewer District (District), Collier County's Public Utilities Division works hard to keep the 24/7/365 provision of clean, safe drinking water as transparent to our customers as possible.

The District faces sizeable expense in providing life-sustaining water services. However, the District does not receive revenue from property taxes or any other financial support from Collier County's general fund. The District is an enterprise fund; an organization that provides goods or services to the public for a fee that makes the entity self-supporting. The total cost of operations, maintenance, and capital improvements (non-growth related) for the District are financed entirely from user fees - that bill you pay every month.

Every two years the District reviews its rates to make sure they are sufficient to cover the cost of providing services. By a Special Act of the Florida Legislature (Chapter 2003-353 Section 6), rates are to be set at the level necessary to cover the cost of providing the services, but not to make a profit.

Regular rate adjustments are necessary to make sure the rates generate the right amount of revenue and cash flow to provide reliable and sustainable services to the community. Rates must keep up with the increasing cost of operations, including increases in electricity, raw materials like fuel and chemicals, insurance and labor, and changing regulatory requirements. Rates must also maintain bond covenants, including debt service coverage, and provide funds for emergencies.

The Collier County Board of County Commissioners approves the rates the District charges. On February 2, 2011, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Board approved the Division's latest rate study and its recommended rates. For Fiscal Year 2012 (October 1, 2011, through September 30, 2012), the new rates will increase the monthly bill of a typical single-family residence using 8,000 gallons of water a month by \$1.84, or about 6 cents a day.

Here are some common water conservation practices you can easily work into your every day routine. Making water conservation a habit will help to reduce your consumption and, thereby, keep your monthly utility bill as low as possible.

- 💧 Install a low-flow toilet or tank water saving device and save as much as five gallons of water a day.
- 💧 Install a low-flow showerhead and save as much as 86 gallons of water a day.
- 💧 Install a sink aerator and save as much as eight gallons of water a day.
- 💧 Turn off the faucet while you brush your teeth and save four to 10 gallons of water a day.
- 💧 Fix your leaky faucet and save as much as seven gallons of water a day.
- 💧 Only run your washing machine and dishwasher when they are full. You can save as much as 15 gallons per load for the dishwasher and 55 gallons per load for the washing machine.
- 💧 Store drinking water in the refrigerator rather than letting the tap run every time you want a cool glass of water.
- 💧 Do not use running water to thaw meat or other frozen foods. Defrost food overnight in the refrigerator or by using the defrost setting on your microwave.



If you have questions about your water service, please call the District's Utility Billing and Customer Service Department at **239-252-2380**.

Potable Water Rates

Billed at approximate 30-day intervals, the water rates consist of two separate charges -

Service Availability Charge - based on meter size and applicable to each water account regardless of the consumption quantity.

Consumption Charge - the charge applicable to each 1,000 gallons of water that passes through the water meter.

Potable Water Service Availability Charge (per month)

Individually Metered Residential, Non-residential and Multi-family Residential

| Meter Size (Inches) | Existing Rate | Rate Effective October 1, 2011 |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 5/8 or 3/4 | \$27.57 | \$30.32 |
| 1 | \$63.95 | \$70.34 |
| 1 1/2 | \$124.59 | \$137.05 |
| 2 | \$196.25 | \$215.87 |
| 3 | \$389.19 | \$428.11 |
| 4 | \$604.17 | \$664.59 |
| 6 | \$1,207.24 | \$1,327.97 |
| 8 | \$2,168.62 | \$2,385.48 |

Example: Residential customer with a 5/8" meter and 17,000 gallons of water usage during the month.

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| Water Availability | \$30.32 |
| Water Volume | |
| 5,000 gals at Block 1 (5x\$5.23) | \$26.15 |
| 5,000 gals at Block 2 (5x\$6.44) | \$32.20 |
| 7,000 gals at Block 3 (7x\$7.77) | \$54.39 |
| Water Restriction Surcharge | |
| 15% x usage above Block 2 | |
| (15% of \$33.88) | \$8.15 |
| TOTAL CHARGE: | \$151.21 |

Potable Water Rate Structure: Consumption Blocks in Thousands of Gallons

| Meter Size | Block 1 | Block 2 | Block 3 | Block 4 | Block 5 | Block 6 |
|--------------|-----------|------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| Cost per 000 | \$5.23 | \$6.44 | \$7.77 | \$8.98 | \$10.32 | \$12.86 |
| 5/8 and 3/4 | First 5 | 6 to 10 | 11 to 20 | 21 to 30 | 31 to 50 | Over 50 |
| 1 | First 12 | 13 to 25 | 26 to 50 | 51 to 75 | 76 to 120 | Over 120 |
| 1 1/4 | First 20 | 21 to 40 | 41 to 80 | 81 to 120 | 121 to 200 | Over 200 |
| 1 1/2 | First 25 | 26 to 50 | 51 to 100 | 101 to 150 | 151 to 250 | Over 250 |
| 2 | First 40 | 41 to 80 | 81 to 160 | 161 to 240 | 241 to 400 | Over 400 |
| 3 | First 80 | 81 to 160 | 161 to 320 | 321 to 480 | 481 to 800 | Over 800 |
| 4 | First 120 | 121 to 250 | 251 to 500 | 501 to 800 | 801 to 1,200 | Over 1,200 |
| 6 | First 250 | 251 to 500 | 501 to 1,000 | 1,001 to 1,500 | 1,501 to 2,500 | Over 2,500 |
| 8 | First 450 | 451 to 900 | 901 to 1,800 | 1,801 to 2,700 | 2,701 to 4,500 | Over 4,500 |

Water Restriction Surcharges and Landscape Irrigation

A Phase II Severe Water Shortage Declaration was enacted by the South Florida Water Management District effective March 26, 2011. Accordingly, a 15 percent water restriction surcharge applies for consumption above consumption block two (over 10,000 gallons). The Phase II Water Shortage Declaration also limits landscape irrigation to no more than **two days per week**. Please make sure your irrigation system is set to operate in accordance with the following schedule. **No Irrigation Allowed on Mondays, Tuesday, or Fridays.** Irrigation is allowed between 12:01 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. Odd numbered addresses irrigate on Wednesdays and Saturdays. Even numbered addresses irrigate on Thursdays and Sundays.