

Gray Water District Legal Notice

The Gray Water District gives notice to the public that on **May 16, 2022, 6:00 p.m. at the Gray Water District, 80 Shaker Road, Gray**, the trustees will hold a public hearing to discuss and hear comments on a proposed water rate increase. If the District is prohibited from holding an in-person hearing on May 16, 2022, further information and details of a virtual public hearing for that date can be found on the District's website, graywaterdistrict.org.

	<u>Effective on July 1, 2022</u>	
	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>
Residential	7.42%	\$28,008
Commercial	6.87%	\$ 8,132
Governmental	7.47%	\$ 3,029
Private Fire Protection	7.43%	\$ 1,125
Public Fire Protection	13.56%	\$30,383
Other Revenues	<u>.00%</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>
Overall Increase	9.09%	\$70,677

Rates are to become effective on July 1, 2022. Since its last adjustment in 2020, the District has been incurring continuous increases in expenses with rising costs and continuing upgrades and repairs to the system. The rate increase also adds a capital reserve for meter replacement.

Pursuant to 35-A MRSA Section (6104), a customer has the right to request additional information relating to the present and proposed rates from the District, the right to an open and fair hearing, and the right to assistance from the Public Advocate. Customers also have the right under 35-A MRSA Section (6104) to petition the Maine Public Utilities Commission to suspend and investigate the District's rates pursuant to 35-A MRSA Section 310, if, on or before Thirty (30) days following the public hearing 15% of District customers (or 1000 District customers, whichever is less), file with the Gray Water District's Superintendent and with the Public Utilities Commission, c/o Administrative Director, State House Station #18, Augusta, ME 04333-0018, a petition or petitions demanding review by the PUC of the proposed rate changes. Signatures on the petitions filed pursuant to Section 7 are invalid unless accompanied by the printed names and addresses of the signers. Upon request the District will provide customers with petition forms that include space for the signatures and the printed names and addresses of the signers.

A copy of material supporting the proposed rate change has been available at the Gray Water District for inspection since **April 15, 2022**. If you have any questions or desire additional information, you may call William Gardner, Superintendent, at 207-657-3500, or the Administrative Director of the PUC at (207) 287-3831. For additional assistance, contact the Public Advocate, State House Station #112, Augusta, ME 04333-0112, (207) 624-3687.

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