

## Gray Water District Legal Notice

The Gray Water District gives notice to the public that on **June 20, 2024, 6:00 p.m. at the Gray Public Library, 5 Hancock Street, 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 June 20, 2024, further information and details of a virtual public hearing for that date can be found on the district's website, [graywaterdistrict.org](http://graywaterdistrict.org).

	<u>Effective on August 1, 2024</u>	
	<u>% Increase</u>	<u>\$ Increase</u>
Residential	30.45%	\$125,157
Commercial	35.49%	\$ 38,351
Governmental	37.31%	\$ 12,550
Private Fire Protection	38.67%	\$ 6,296
Public Fire Protection	27.41%	\$ 69,715
Other Revenues	<u>133.15%</u>	<u>\$ 2,623</u>
Overall Increase	30.86%	\$254,692

Rates are to become effective on August 1, 2024. Since its last adjustment in 2022, the district has been incurring continuous increases in expenses with rising costs and continuing upgrades and repairs to the system. The rate increase also includes two upcoming debt financings for main replacements.

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 **May 21, 2024**. 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.