



8495 Fontaine Boulevard, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80925

December 13, 2022

Dear Widefield Water & Sanitation District Customer,

The District has adopted a new Operating Budget for 2023. The 2023 Operating Budget increased \$1,181,028 over the 2022 Adopted Operating Budget. The most significant increases are due to maintenance expense due to aging infrastructure, facilities depreciation expense, rising costs that exceed inflation for chemicals and sludge hauling, and substantial growth.

**We are pleased to share with you that no change was made to Water or Wastewater volume or usage rates. An increase was made to the base rates in water and wastewater.** The Base portion of your rate remains fixed without regard to the volume of water being used. The Base portion of your rate covers the fixed costs associated with on demand services of water and wastewater. The District's "average" customer will see their monthly bill increase 4.9%, about \$4.56 per month. On the reverse side of this letter is the District's 2023 Rate and Fee Schedule.

**The fees charged to developers for water meters were increased due to the rising costs of meters.** The last adjustment to meter costs was in 2011.

The District appreciates the support of our customers and will continue to strive to provide a high level of service at a competitive price. If you have any questions about the new rates, please contact us at 719-390-7111 and speak with one of our Customer Service Specialists.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lucas Hale". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L".

Lucas Hale  
District Manager

## Widefield Water and Sanitation District - 2023 Rates and Fees

### Water Rates & Base Charge

1 Water Base Charge		
Meter Size	\$ Per Month	
Up to 3/4"	\$24.08	
1 "	\$57.51	
1 1/2 "	\$113.24	
2 "	\$180.14	
3 "	\$358.52	
4 "	\$559.18	
6 "	\$1,116.55	
8 "	\$1,785.53	

2 Water Volume Charge		\$ per 1,000 Gal
<b>Residential;</b>		
1st 5,000 Gallons		\$4.71
Over 5,000 Gallons		\$5.64
<b>Commercial;</b>		
Uniform Rate		\$5.20
<b>Wholesale/Bulk Rate;</b>		
Per 1,000 gallons		\$5.20

### Wastewater Rates & Base Charge

3 Wastewater Base Charge		
Meter Size	\$ Per Month	
Up to 3/4"	\$18.48	
1 "	\$41.20	
1 1/2 "	\$79.31	
2 "	\$125.00	
3 "	\$246.83	
4 "	\$383.90	
6 "	\$765.36	
8 "	\$1,221.59	

4 Wastewater Volume Charge		\$ Per 1,000 Gal
<b>Residential Rate</b>		
\$6.25		
<b>Residential Winter Use Average</b> (Bill periods of Dec, Jan, & Feb)		
<b>Whatever is greater;</b>		
Minimum 1,500 gallons or actual winter usage;		
<b>Or New Residential Customers</b> set to 3,500 gallons until actual winter usage can be determined;		
<b>Or New Accounts for Developer</b> Owned Unoccupied residences set to 1,500 gallons		
<b>Commercial:</b>		
Actual Monthly Usage		\$6.25

8.4 Meter Fee		Meter Fee
Tap Size		
3/4 "		\$500
1 "		\$524
1 1/2 "		\$849
2 "		\$1,485
Larger than 2 "		Cost+38.5%

### Tap Fees & Water Acquisition Fee

5 Water Tap Fees		
Tap Size	Tap Fee \$	
3/4 " = 1.0 SFE		\$6,500
1 " = 2.5 SFE		\$16,250
1 1/2 " = 5.0 SFE		\$32,500
2 " = 8.0 SFE		\$52,000
3 " = 16.0 SFE		\$104,000
4 " = 25.0 SFE		\$162,500
6 " = 50.0 SFE		\$325,000
8 " = 80.0 SFE		\$520,000

6 Wastewater Tap Fees		
Tap Size	Tap Fee \$	
3/4 " = 1.0 SFE		\$6,500
1 " = 2.5 SFE		\$16,250
1 1/2 " = 5.0 SFE		\$32,500
2 " = 8.0 SFE		\$52,000
3 " = 16.0 SFE		\$104,000
4 " = 25.0 SFE		\$162,500
6 " = 50.0 SFE		\$325,000
8 " = 80.0 SFE		\$520,000

7 Water Acquisition Fee		
Tap Size	Tap Fee \$	
3/4 " = 1.0 SFE		\$7,300
1 " = 2.5 SFE		\$18,250
1 1/2 " = 5.0 SFE		\$36,500
2 " = 8.0 SFE		\$58,400
3 " = 16.0 SFE		\$116,800
4 " = 25.0 SFE		\$182,500
6 " = 50.0 SFE		\$365,000
8 " = 80.0 SFE		\$584,000

### Fees and Charges

R & R	Service Description	Fee / Charge
8. 4	Meter and Installation, In-house 3/4"	\$ 500
8. 6	Inspection Fee, Water - New Construction	\$ 50
8. 6	Inspection Fee, Wastewater - New Construction	\$ 50
8. 7	Hydrant Meter Deposit	\$ 1,000
8. 11	New Service Deposit, Commercial	\$ 150
8. 15	Late Payment, Water and/or Wastewater	\$ 25
8. 16	Returned Check Fee	\$ 25
8. 16	Returned Check, Bank Fee	\$ 10
8. 17	Service Charge, each (disconnection, reconnection, etc)	\$ 25
8. 17	Disconnection Fee Per SFE-Water	\$ 7,500
8. 17	Disconnection Fee Per SFE-Wastewater	\$ 7,500
8. 19	Tampering Fee plus actual repair & Admin Charge	\$ 500
8. 20	Grease Trap Clean-up	\$ 500
8. 21	After Hours Fee	\$ 50