



**TOWN OF WATERTOWN
WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY
747 French Street
Oakville, Connecticut 06779-1099
Main Office (860) 945-5299**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
PROPOSED CHANGES TO WATER AND SEWER RATES**

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Watertown High School Auditorium at 6:00 P.M.

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§7-239 and §§7-255, the Watertown Water and Sewer Authority hereby gives notice of a Public Hearing on proposed changes to Water and Sewer Quarterly Quantity Rates for the CT Public Water System (CT1530021) WSA & (CT1539031) Westgate Customers, and the **Elimination of Winter Quarterly Customer Charge**.

Said Public Hearing will be held at 6:00PM on Wednesday, August 27, 2025, at Watertown High School Auditorium.

This is an in-person meeting. A link to view the Public Hearing in listen-only mode will be posted on the Town of Watertown website, www.watertownct.org by 4:00 P.M. on the date of the meeting.

Written questions and comments pertaining to the proposed water and sewer rates are welcome and should be received by 4:00pm, Friday, August 22, 2025, addressed to Water and Sewer Authority, c/o Chairman WSA, 747 French Street, Oakville 06779, or you can drop off your questions to the WSA office in a sealed envelope addressed to the WSA Chairman.

1. Water User Rates: Quarterly Quantity Rate (Per 1,000 Gallons)

CT Public Water System - CT1530021 - WSA Customers Quarterly Quantity Rate (Per 1,000 Gallons)

Current Quarterly Water Quantity Rate Per 1,000 Gallons	Proposed 40% Increase in Quantity Rate Per 1,000 Gallons	New Quarterly Water Quantity Rate Per 1,000 Gallons
\$ 3.28	\$ 1.31	\$ 4.59

CT Public Water System - CT1539031 - Westgate Customers Quarterly Quantity Rate (Per 1,000 Gallons)

Current Quarterly Water Quantity Rate Per 1,000 Gallons	Proposed 200% Increase in Quantity Rate Per 1,000 Gallons	New Quarterly Water Quantity Rate Per 1,000 Gallons
\$ 3.28	\$ 6.56	\$ 9.84

2. Sewer User Rates: Quarterly Quantity Rate (Per 1,000 Gallons)

Current Quarterly Sewer Quantity Rate Per 1,000 Gallons	Proposed 50% Increase in Quantity Rate Per 1,000 Gallons	New Quarterly Sewer Quantity Rate Per 1,000 Gallons
\$ 4.06	\$ 2.03	\$ 6.09

Water and Sewer Authority

Watertown, CT

Special Meeting Agenda

Date: Wednesday, August 27, 2025

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Place: Watertown High School

324 French St

Watertown, CT 06795

Auditorium Room

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Roll Call
3. New Business
 - I. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Elimination of Winter Quarterly Customer Charge Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§7-239 and §§7-255, and Public Hearing.
 - II. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed 40% (\$1.31) Increase in Water User Rates for CT Public Water System – CT1530021 – WSA Customers in Quantity Rate Per 1,000 Gallons from Current Quantity Rate of \$3.28 to New Proposed Quantity Rate of \$4.59 Per 1,000 Gallons Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§7-239 and §§7-255, and Public Hearing.
 - III. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed 200% (\$6.56) Increase in Water User Rates for CT Public Water System – CT1539031 – Westgate Customers in Quantity Rate Per 1,000 Gallons from Current Quantity Rate of \$3.28 to New Proposed Quantity Rate of \$9.84 Per 1,000 Gallons Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§7-239 and §§7-255, and Public Hearing.
 - IV. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed 50% (\$2.03) Increase in Sewer User Rates for WSA Customers in Quantity Rate Per 1,000 Gallons from Current Quantity Rate of \$4.06 to New Proposed Sewer Quantity Rate of \$6.09 Per 1,000 Gallons Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes §§7-239 and §§7-255, and Public Hearing.
4. Adjournment

THIS MEETING WILL BE AN IN-PERSON MEETING AND WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE VIA ZOOM IN LISTEN ONLY MODE. A LINK WILL BE POSTED ON THE DAY OF THE MEETING. PLEASE SEE WWW.WATERTOWNCT.ORG UNDER THE CALENDAR OF MEETINGS.

WATER COMPARISON BASED ON CURRENT RATES

CT PUBLIC WATER SYTEM – CT 1530021 – WSA CUSTOMERS

Waterbury's Unit for Billing is Cubic Feet. Waterbury Bills Per 100 Cubic Feet (CCF) which equals **748** Gallons.

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- 1,000 Gallons minus (-) **748** Gallons Equals (=) **252** Gallons.

252 Gallons is the Number of Extra Gallons needed to have a straight Cost-Comparison between how Waterbury and WSA Bills for 1,000 Gallons.

Waterbury Currently Charges WSA **\$2.65** Per CCF (**748** Gallons) of Water Usage, and an Additional **\$0.265** (10%) Per CCF (**748** Gallons) of Water Usage.

- How much would Waterbury Charge WSA Per **252** Gallons?

Solution: $\$2.650 + \$0.265 = \$2.915$

$$\$2.915 \times 252 \text{ Gallons} = \$734.58$$

$$\$734.58 \div 748 \text{ Gallons} = \$0.982$$

Answer: The Cost for that **252** Gallons is **\$0.982**.

- What is the Total Dollar Amount Waterbury would Charge for 1,000 Gallons?

Answer: $\$2.65 + \$0.265 = \$2.915 + \$0.982 = \$3.897$ Per 1,000 Gallons

Waterbury would charge WSA **\$3.897** per 1,000 Gallons of Water Usage including the 10% charge if they billed per 1,000 Gallons.

$$\frac{2.915}{748} = \frac{x}{252}$$

$$2.915 \times 252 = 734.58$$

$$748x = 734.58$$

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$$x = 0.982$$

$$2.915 + 0.982 = \$3.897 \text{ Per 1,000 Gallons}$$

Waterbury Water Rate Per 1,000 Gallons would be **\$3.897**

WSA Water Quantity Usage Rate for 2023–2025 is **\$3.28** Per 1,000 Gallons

New WSA Water Quantity Usage Rate **\$4.59** (**40% = \$1.31 Increase**) Per 1,000 Gallons

WSA **\$4.59** Minus (-) Waterbury **\$3.897** Equals (=) **\$0.693** Per 1,000 Gallons

There is a positive difference of **+\$0.693 Per 1,000 Gallons from the New WSA Water Quantity Usage Rate (**\$4.59**) compared to a Waterbury Water Rate (**\$3.897**)**

City of Waterbury webpage link for Water and Sewer Rates
<https://waterburyct.org/services/water>

Water Rate Schedule - Effective July 1, 2021

\$2.65 Water User Rate (per CCF)

Water Service charge (all sizes) is \$12.00/quarter

Fire Service Charge (annual)

*1ccf = 748 gallons

- ▶ 2" or smaller connection \$77.00
- ▶ 4" connection \$308.00
- ▶ 6" connection \$693.00
- ▶ 8" connection \$1,232.00
- ▶ 10" connection \$1,925.00
- ▶ 12" connection \$2,772.0

Sewer Rate

Sewer Use Charge (per CCF) = \$2.472

Sewer CRC (Capitol Recovery Charge) (per CCF) = \$1.481

Approved Waterbury Sewer Rates FY24

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All Over 3,500 Gallons is **\$9.7164** Per 1,000 Gallons

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New WSA Water Quantity Usage Rate **\$9.84** (**200% = \$6.56 Increase**) Per 1,000 Gallons

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**WATERTOWN FIRE DISTRICT
Schedule of Water Rates**

CLASS A: RESIDENTIAL SCHEDULE

For the first 3500 gallons	\$37.87	
All over 3500 gallons	\$7.78	per 1000 gallons
Minimum charge per residential unit	\$37.87	

SPECIAL RATE: BULK METERED SALES TO TOWN OF WATERTOWN

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CLASS B: COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHEDULE

For the first 7000 gallons	\$75.75	
All over 7000 gallons	\$9.79	per 1000 gallons
Minimum charge per meter	\$75.75	

CLASS C: FIRE PROTECTION SCHEDULE: Flat rates payable in advance on January 1 and July 1 of each year.

Public Hydrants, Semi-Annual	\$198.00
Private Hydrants, yard, Semi-Annual	\$198.00

Private Fire Service

Connection size	Semi-Annual
2-inch or less	\$26.00
4-inch	\$106.00
6-inch	\$238.00
8-inch	\$422.00
10-inch	\$660.00
12-inch	\$950.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Installation or Removal of Meter	\$25.00 per occurrence
Late Fee (subject to billing terms)	\$2.50 per occurrence

Schedule of Water Rates approved by the Fire District Commission on May 12, 2025. Effective with the first billing of Fiscal Year 2026.

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Solution: **\$2.472 x 252 Gallons = \$622.944**

\$1.481 x 252 Gallons = \$373.212

\$622.944 + \$373.212 = \$996.156

\$996.156 ÷ 748 Gallons = \$1.332

Answer: The Cost for that **252** Gallons is **\$1.332**.

- What is the Total Dollar Amount Waterbury would Charge Per 1,000 Gallons?

Answer: **\$2.472 + \$1.481 + \$1.332 = \$5.285** Per 1,000 Gallons

Waterbury would charge WSA **\$5.285** per 1,000 Gallons of Sewer Usage and including the CRC if they billed per 1,000 Gallons.

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$$x = 0.833 + x = 0.499$$

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Waterbury Sewer Usage + CRC Rate Per 1,000 Gallons would be **\$5.285**

WSA 2023–2025 Sewer Quantity Usage Rate was **\$4.06** Per 1,000 Gallons

New WSA Sewer Quantity Usage Rate **\$6.09** (**50% = \$2.03 Increase**) Per 1,000 Gallons

WSA **\$6.09** Minus (-) Waterbury **\$5.285** Equals (=) **\$0.805** Per 1,000 Gallons

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