

Butler Water 2023 Rate Increase Communication and FAQs

In March, the Village’s wholesale water supplier, Milwaukee Water Works, notified the Village that the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (PSC) approved water rate increases for all Milwaukee Water Works customers. On Monday, April 3, 2023 the Village of Butler applied to the PSC for authorization to enact a water rate increase through a Purchased Water Adjustment Clause – which essentially passes along the rate increase to Butler water customers. PSC staff reviewed Butler’s Water Utility finances and on May 23, 2023 a public hearing was held by the PSC in front of an Administrative Law Judge. On May 30, 2023, the PSC issued a final decision on a water rate increase for Butler’s Water Utility. The final decision made by the PSC will increase the water bill of the average single-family residential customer with a 5/8-inch or 3/4 -inch meter who uses 9,000 gallons of water per quarter from \$94.65 to \$98.20, which is an increase of 3.75% or \$3.55.

Why do we need a rate increase?

The rate increase is necessary due to a recent increase in the cost of bulk purchased water from the City of Milwaukee.

When will the increase go into effect?

The rate increase went into effect on June 1, 2023 and will be in effect for the third quarter utility billing cycle and beyond. The 2nd quarter bill you just received **does not** include the new rates. Your 3rd quarter bill **will** include new rates.

How much will my water bill go up?

Every customer’s water bill is different and fluctuates based on water usage. The table below shows a variety of average residential quarterly consumption with a 5/8-inch or ¾-inch meter and what their bill would look like before and after the rate increase.

	Average User		Average User		Average User	
	Gallons Used	4,071	Gallons Used	8,666	Gallons Used	11,883
	2nd Qtr	New Rates	2nd Qtr	New Rates	2nd Qtr	New Rates
Fire Protection	\$ 11.85	\$ 11.85	\$ 11.85	\$ 11.85	\$ 11.85	\$ 11.85
Recycling	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 12.00
Res Sewer	\$ 98.36	\$ 98.36	\$ 135.03	\$ 135.03	\$ 160.70	\$ 160.70
Storm Sewer	\$ 31.21	\$ 31.21	\$ 31.21	\$ 31.21	\$ 31.21	\$ 31.21
Water	\$ 57.17	\$ 58.80	\$ 81.06	\$ 84.48	\$ 97.79	\$ 102.47
Total	\$ 210.59	\$ 212.22	\$ 271.15	\$ 274.57	\$ 313.55	\$ 318.23
	Increase	\$ 1.63	Increase	\$ 3.42	Increase	\$ 4.68

The PSC’s full rate determination as well as all of the information included in this letter is available on the Village’s website; www.butlerwi.gov.

Please feel free to contact Village Hall (262) 783-2525 or email Assistant Administrator Benjamin Hubrich at bhubrich@butlerwi.gov if you have any questions after you review these materials.

SEE THE BACK OF THIS PAGE FOR A BREAKOUT OF ALL OF THE NEW RATES

Village of Butler Water Utility Rate Increase Sheet
New Rates Effective June 1st, 2023

Water Base Charges (Fees charged regardless of consumption)			
Meter Size	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
5/8 inch	\$ 36.00	\$ 36.04	\$ 0.04
3/4 inch	\$ 36.00	\$ 36.04	\$ 0.04
1 inch	\$ 51.00	\$ 51.06	\$ 0.06
1.5 inch	\$ 81.00	\$ 81.09	\$ 0.09
2 inch	\$ 120.00	\$ 120.13	\$ 0.13
3 inch	\$ 189.00	\$ 189.21	\$ 0.21
4 inch	\$ 285.00	\$ 285.31	\$ 0.31

Water Consumption Charges (Fees charged per 1,000 gallons of water consumed)			
Gallons Used	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
Up to 35,000	\$ 5.20	\$ 5.59	\$ 0.39
35,000 - 200,000	\$ 4.45	\$ 4.84	\$ 0.39
200,000 - 500,000	\$ 4.20	\$ 4.59	\$ 0.39
500,000 - 99,999,999	\$ 3.87	\$ 4.26	\$ 0.39

Public Fire Protection (Quarterly fee for hydrant system maintenance)

Meter Size	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
5/8 inch	\$ 11.85	\$ 11.85	\$ -
3/4 inch	\$ 11.85	\$ 11.85	\$ -
1 inch	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ -
1.5 inch	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ -
2 inch	\$ 93.00	\$ 93.00	\$ -
3 inch	\$ 177.00	\$ 177.00	\$ -
4 inch	\$ 297.00	\$ 297.00	\$ -

Private Fire Protection (Quarterly fee to those with private sprinkler systems)

Meter Size	Old Rate	New Rate	Increase
5/8 inch	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ -
3/4 inch	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ -
1 inch	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ -
1.5 inch	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ -
2 inch	\$ 30.00	\$ 30.00	\$ -
3 inch	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ -
4 inch	\$ 90.00	\$ 90.00	\$ -
6 inch	\$ 180.00	\$ 180.00	\$ -
8 inch	\$ 270.00	\$ 270.00	\$ -