

FY2023 Proposed Water Rates

Poolesville's Water and Wastewater Fund, like others who own water and sewer utilities, operates as a government enterprise, and is intended to be self-supporting. Most of the Fund's revenue is derived from residential user fees.

The Town takes great care to ensure that its rates are determined with cost of service and financial stability in mind. The rate structure, which is now being updated, is designed to cover the cost of maintaining and repairing pipes, pumps, and treatment plants, as well as covering the cost of operations to ensure quality service is delivered to residents every day.

Chemical costs, transportation fees, sludge hauling and mandated laboratory analysis to ensure the safety of the product being delivered to residents and then treated and released into the environment has increased dramatically over the past few years. Many of these costs are fixed by outside agencies and required by State and Federal laws.

The FY23 Draft Budget process indicated a \$147,000 deficit in the Water and Wastewater Fund. A comparison rate study has been completed to see how we are charging relative to our neighbors.

Current Rates

Tiers in Gallons (Averaged)	0 – 8,000	8,001 – 16,000	16,001 – 24,000	24,001 +	30,000 – 40,000	40,001 – 50,001	50,001 +
Poolesville	\$11.71	\$11.71	\$11.71	\$11.71	\$16.13	\$17.37	\$18.22
Rockville	\$16.70	\$16.99	\$25.19	\$30.29	\$30.29	\$30.29	\$30.29
WSSC	\$13.34	\$14.93	\$18.07	\$22.75	\$22.75	\$22.75	\$22.75

Dollar amounts are a per 1,000-gallon charge.

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Tiers in Gallons	0 – 7,000	7,001 – 15,000	15,001 – 25,000	25,01 +
	\$12.53	\$14.12	\$17.26	\$21.94

The proposed rate structure, more in line with other water and wastewater utilities promotes conservation and doesn't overly burden elderly or low use residents. The monetary values allow the fund to cover its operation and maintenance costs while remaining below our neighboring jurisdiction's rates.

How Will You Be Impacted?

Usage	Rate	Current Avg. QRT Bill	Proposed Avg. QRT Bill
0 – 7,000	\$12.53	\$55.76	\$59.66
7,001 – 15,000	\$14.12	\$137.56	\$154.74
15,001 – 25,000	\$17.26	\$226.46	\$275.56
25 +	\$21.94	\$564.55	\$575.70

The Commissioners will be setting a public hearing to receive public comment on the proposed rate structure and fees on April 4, 2022.