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**NOTIFICATION OF RATE DECREASES**

February 1, 2019

Dear Customers,

The rate changes listed below were approved during the regular board meeting on December 17, 2018. These changes will be effective on the April billing statements for water use in March 2019. The rate changes are as follows:

<b><u>Residential:</u></b>	<b><u>Meter / Usage</u></b>	<b><u>Current Rate</u></b>	<b><u>New Rate</u></b>	
Minimum:	5/8" X 3/4"	\$ 74.68	\$ 68.25	
Minimum:	5/8" X 3/4" – Multiple	\$ 0.00	\$ 136.50	new
Minimum:	1"	\$ 199.15	\$ 184.25	
Minimum:	1" – Multiple	\$ 0.00	\$ 368.50	new
Minimum:	2"	\$ 597.44	\$ 554.25	
Water Usage:	0 – 10,000 gallons	\$ 6.06 per 1,000	\$ 6.06 per 1,000	– same
Water Usage:	10,001 gallons and up	\$ 6.06 per 1,000	\$ 7.80 per 1,000	– same

<b><u>Commercial:</u></b>	<b><u>Meter / Usage</u></b>	<b><u>Current Rate</u></b>	<b><u>New Rate</u></b>	
Minimum:	5/8" X 3/4"	\$ 117.73	\$ 108.25	
Minimum:	1"	\$ 201.83	\$ 187.25	
Minimum:	2"	\$ 605.49	\$ 562.25	
Minimum:	4"	\$ 1,850.12	\$ 1,718.25	
Water Usage	All Gallons	\$ 8.00 per 1,000	\$ 13.46 per 1,000	– same

Due to changing revenue requirements by Texas Water Development Board, West Wise has implemented a rate decrease in monthly minimums. All other fees and usage rates will remain the same. Also, a new rate code for 2019 has been adopted addressing multiple connections. A multiple connection is defined as more than one single family residence connected to a single meter. RVs and travel trailers qualify as a single family residence. The District will allow and charge for a multiple connection(s) if the existing meter has the adequate size and flow to meet the demands of the connections. Affected customers will receive a separate and individual letter if a multiple connection applies to your account (s).

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## **NEWSLETTER**

### New Water Treatment Plant Progress:

Final design is expected to be completed by the end of January 2019.  
Following design, TCEQ will review plans with redirect back to engineering for final approval.  
Bidding will follow, with construction set to start towards the end of summer.  
Of course there are a lot of variables to take into consideration. Rock is one of the primary concerns meeting construction schedules.

### Radio Read Meters:

We are in the process of purchasing radio read meters for the entire water system. Once we receive the meters, installation will be a slow process. In order to conserve funds, WWSUD personnel will be installing all of the meters. Once operational, WWSUD personnel will have the ability to data log usage and have downloadable reports.

### Wires in Meter Box:

There is one drawback to the radio read meters, wires. Originally, all WWSUD customers were to have a gate valve on their side of the meter outside the box. The valves didn't happen. Instead valves were placed on the inside of the meter box. Most radio read meters have about three feet of wire in the meter box. If dirt pies up in a box and customers use a shovel to dig out the dirt, the wires are cut.  
Notice: If the wires are cut, WWSUD will charge a fee for repair.

### Irrigation Systems:

TCEQ rule change for irrigation systems.  
The ruling has changed due to the large number of existing devices failing or no governmental requirement for testing. Irrigation systems were ruled a non-health type of connection, meaning a double check valve installed and tested upon installation was good. The law has changed. Irrigation systems are now classified as a health type of connection, meaning a RPZ or similar device installed and to be tested annually. Existing double checks may remain in service as long as they can be repaired and pass a successful annual test. Once the device fails, it must be replaced with an assembly approved for the protection against Health Hazards.

#### Implementation:

- 2019: WWSUD to identify all irrigation systems and begin customer notification process.
- 2020: By the end of the year have all irrigation systems up to code.
- 2021: Deadline to have all irrigation systems in compliance.

Plant progress updates, as well as other practical information can be found on our website at <https://westwisesud.com/>. Should you have any questions, you may contact James Ward at 940-683-5507.