

Water/Sewer Rate Increase

On July 1, 2023, the City of Grand Ledge Fiscal Year 2024 utility rate increase went into effect. The increase was approved as part of the annual budget process.

WHAT TO KNOW

City of Grand Ledge water/sewer residential customers, on average, will see an approximate \$20 increase in monthly bills.

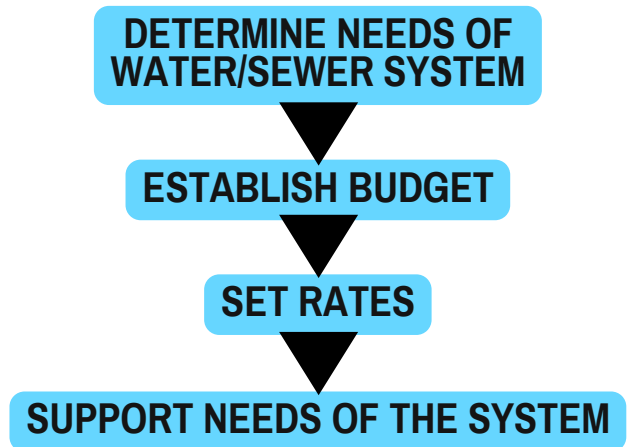
New rates took effect July 1, 2023. Since utility bills are calculated from usage two months prior, customers will see these adjusted rates billed on September 1, 2023 bills. Flip to the other side to view a sample utility bill.

WHY THE INCREASE?

Simply put, revenue from utility bills must be sufficient to cover the associated costs of State of Michigan mandated maintenance, operations, and improvements to ensure the safety of the water and sewer systems. There is no profit to the City from rate adjustments, all revenue must be spent on the water/sewer systems. The City is undergoing the following improvements:

- Construction of a \$20,000,000 Iron Removal Plant (IRP) because the existing IRP that treats our water supply has approached the end of its useful life.
 - Rate increases that supported construction of the IRP were reflected on bills in past years.
- Expansions and improvements to the WWTP, as mandated by the State of Michigan, are also needed. This project has an anticipated cost of \$50,000,000+. Our current WWTP capacity and ability is not sufficient to meet state requirements or our community's growth. When the WWTP reaches limitations, raw sewage is disposed into our waterways. This happens in every community exceeding WWTP capacity and is a violation of State of Michigan regulations.
 - Rate increases to support WWTP improvements will be reflected on bills this year and in future years.

HOW ARE THESE RATES DETERMINED?



City Council members, as residents of the City of Grand Ledge, know it is never ideal to increase utility rates. However, it is the responsibility of elected officials to be proactive, budget responsibly, and ensure long-term, sustainable infrastructure for the health and safety of the community, now and in the future.

The City adopts a budget every year to support the water/sewer systems in Grand Ledge. The budget must meet the needs of the system and in return the rates must support the budget.

On May 8, 2023, the Michigan Rural Water Association presented a rate analysis to ensure monthly utility rates are fair and support long-term goals of our water and sewer infrastructure. This analysis is available online.

Understanding the Increase

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TYPICAL MONTHLY BILL - RESIDENTIAL 3/4 " METER

CITY OF GRAND LEDGE
WATER AND SEWER BILLING
 310 Greenwood St. Grand Ledge, MI 48837
 (517) 627-2149
RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



PROPERTY ADDRESS
 310 GREENWOOD ST
 CYCLE SECTION ACCOUNT NO.
 RAD 10 1234567891
 FROM TO
 07/01/2023 08/01/2023 29

PRESORTED
 FIRST CLASS MAIL
 U.S POSTAGE PAID
 GRAND RAPIDS, MI
 PERMIT #657

RETURN THIS PORTION WITH PAYMENT

CUSTOMER NAME & ADDRESS
 LARRY LEDGE
 310 GREENWOOD ST.

CYCLE SECTION SEQUENCE NO.
 RAD 10 10

ACCOUNT NO.
 1234567891

DUE DATE	AMOUNT DUE
09/28/2023	\$124.90

AFTER	PAY THIS LATE AMT.
09/28/2023	\$137.39

2022 WATER QUALITY REPORT
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CITYOFGRANDLEDGE.COM/191

CODE	CURR READ	PREV READ	USAGE	AMOUNT
PB				\$0.00
WA	9014A	8974A	4000	\$23.60 + \$1.60
SE	9014A	8974A	4000	\$38.12 + \$1.78
FS				\$31.83 + \$16.62
FW				\$31.35 No Change

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For example, if your monthly residential usage is 4,000 gallons, you will see a \$20 increase in your monthly bill. \$16.62 goes directly towards State of Michigan mandated improvements and expansion of the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP).

We encourage utility customers to visit us online. There is a wealth of information regarding our water and wastewater systems, utility billing, water rates, leaks and water quality, and so much more.

