



May 31, 2023

To All Patrons of RWD10

The Board of Rural Water District #10 recently commissioned an engineering firm to perform a system-wide analysis and long-range plan to guide our board to make decisions and better prepare us for future growth and improved operations. As part of that process, several factors were evaluated including the district's current system costs, the cost of water, current infrastructure, and future projects necessary to maintain service and provide capacity for growth.

As you are likely aware, our district does not produce its own water but instead purchases water from Jefferson County RWD No. 13 and Suburban Water Company. RWD 10 has not had a rate increase since 2012. While our vendors have raised their rates many times through the years, RWD10 has kept our rate the same. To recover the costs of ongoing operations including maintaining our distribution system and meeting KDHE water standard guideline minimums, it is vital that we increase our water rate structure. We have also incurred additional costs with modernization of our billing system and a project is currently underway to rehabilitate and paint the two storage standpipes to bring them in line with State standards. The Board carefully deliberated and voted on May 17, 2023, to put in place a staggered rate increase beginning July 1, 2023. You will see this change on your July billing that is sent the first week of August.

**As of 7/1/23, the minimum monthly charge will increase from \$18.50 to \$28.50. This minimum charge includes up to 1,000 gallons of water. Any gallons more than 1,000 will be charged at the rate of \$0.00677 per gallon.** Another increase will occur on January 1, 2024. **As of 1/1/24, the minimum monthly charge will remain at \$28.50 including up to 1,000 gallons of water and gallons above the minimum will be charged at the rate of \$0.0071 per gallon.** To better illustrate the impact on your bill, please see the chart on the back of this letter.

Please note that the decision to increase rates was not taken lightly by the Board. Although never ideal, this increase is necessary to provide safe and quality service and prepare for capital improvements coming soon. Your feedback is valuable to us, and the Board, and your participation is always welcome at our monthly meetings, held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm at the Linwood Community Center.

Sincerely,

Steve Conley, Designated Operator  
Mary Conley, Business Manager

### Customer Rates

Gallons	Current Charge	Effective 7/1/23	Effective 1/1/24
0-1000	\$ 18.50	\$ 28.50	\$ 28.50
1001	\$ 28.87	\$ 28.51	\$ 28.51
2000	\$ 35.32	\$ 35.27	\$ 35.60
3000	\$ 41.77	\$ 42.04	\$ 42.70
4000	\$ 48.22	\$ 48.81	\$ 49.80
5000	\$ 54.67	\$ 55.58	\$ 56.90
6000	\$ 61.12	\$ 62.35	\$ 64.00
7000	\$ 67.57	\$ 69.12	\$ 71.10
8000	\$ 74.02	\$ 75.89	\$ 78.20
9000	\$ 80.47	\$ 82.66	\$ 85.30
10000	\$ 86.92	\$ 89.43	\$ 92.40

The table above illustrates the **range** of charges based on gallons per month. To calculate your bill, \$28.50 is the minimum for the first 1,000 gallons. Every gallon above 1,000 is .00677 cents per gallon. For example, if you use 2,500 gallons per month you will be charged \$28.50 for the first 1,000 and then \$10.15 for the other 1500 gallons ( $1500 \times 0.00677$ ), for a total bill of \$38.65