



# SEWER AND WATER RATE INCREASE EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

## The District

The North Tahoe Public Utility District (District) was formed in 1948 to provide sewer services to Lake Tahoe north shore residents. In 1967, water services were added to the District's responsibility. The District currently serves approximately 5,500 sewer connections and 3,900 metered water connections.

## Planning for the Future

**The average age of the District's utility infrastructure is approaching 50 years old**, and despite continuous maintenance and system investment, much of it is approaching the end of its service life. There is also significant investment necessary to expand fire flow coverage within our service area.

Recognizing the approaching end of service life, we launched a comprehensive condition assessment effort in 2015. In 2017, a comprehensive Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) was developed that identifies over \$51 million in necessary system rehabilitation and replacement over the next 20 years with \$18.5 million identified in the next five years. **This is nearly triple the District's historical annual infrastructure investment level.**

## District Rate Assessment

In 2018, we retained an independent rate consultant and underwent a comprehensive cost-of-service study to determine whether existing rates and property tax revenues were sufficient to meet the system rehabilitation and replacement needs, as well as the District's operational costs for the water and sewer systems. Our rate structure was also assessed for compliance with industry best practices and California state law. California Proposition 218 (Cal. Const. Article XIIIID, sec. 6) requires each customer class be charged only what is required to cover their respective proportional cost of service. Importantly, sewer rates can only be used to fund sewer system costs and water rates only to fund the water system costs.

The Board of Directors utilized that study when adopting the five-year rate structure at the November 12, 2019 public hearing. These annual rate increases are necessary over the next five years in order to continue providing reliable and sustainable sewer and water services into the future. Previous rates and property tax revenues were not sufficient to fund the necessary investments in our infrastructure and meet operational costs.

Prior to the new five-year rate structure, the last major rate increase was approved by the District's Board of Directors on October 16, 2007, and the District has worked hard over the last decade to maintain stable and affordable rates. However, we must move forward with necessary infrastructure rehabilitation and replacement before our sewer and water system begins to see significant failures. **Even with the adjustments, over the next five-year rate period, the District's rates will remain among the lowest of sewer and water service providers in the region.**



# MONTHLY SEWER RATES

## RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATES\*

	CURRENT RATES	FY 2020-21
<b>Effective Dates</b>		<b>7/1/20</b>
<b>Residential</b>		
Base Rate	\$25.08	\$25.08
System Replacement Rate	6.64	14.83
State/Federal Mandate Fee	1.24	1.27
<b>Total Residential:</b>	<b>\$32.96</b>	<b>\$41.19</b>

\*per equivalent dwelling unit

## NON-RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATES\*

	CURRENT RATES	FY 2020-21
<b>Effective Dates</b>		<b>7/1/20</b>
<b>Non-Residential</b>		
Base Rate	See table below	
System Replacement Rate	See table below	
State/Federal Mandate Fee	1.24	1.27
<b>Total Non-Residential:</b>		

\*per equivalent dwelling unit

## NON-RESIDENTIAL BASE RATES\*\*

UNIT	CURRENT RATES	FY 2020-21	
<b>Effective Dates</b>		<b>7/1/20</b>	
<b>Motel w/o Kitchen</b>	Per Living Unit/Month	\$8.11	\$8.11
<b>Motel w/ Kitchen</b>	Per Living Unit/Month	10.56	10.56
<b>Campsite w/ Sewer</b>	# of Sites/Month	16.19	16.19
<b>Campsite w/o Sewer</b>	# of Sites/Month	14.15	14.15
<b>Other Business</b>	# of Fixture Units/Month	3.22	3.22
<b>Markets</b>	# of Fixture Units/Month	5.68	5.68
<b>Laundries</b>	# of 10lb Machines/Month	13.25	13.25
<b>Restaurants &amp; Bars</b>			
Inside Seating	# of Seats/Month	2.48	2.48
Outside Seating	# of Seats/Month	0.82	0.82
<b>Theatres</b>	# of Seats/Month	0.32	0.32
<b>Churches</b>	# of Seats/Month	0.32	0.32
<b>Barber Shops</b>	# of Service Chairs/Month	8.53	8.53
<b>Beauty Shops</b>	# of Service Chairs/Month	14.15	14.15
<b>Schools</b>	# of Seats/Month	0.05	0.05
<b>Marina Boat Pumping Facility</b>	Per Facility/Month	28.04	28.04
<b>Swimming Pools</b>	Per Pool/Month	6.44	6.44
<b>Snack Bars</b>	# of Fixture Units/Month	2.48	2.48
<b>Motel Res/ Stock Coop/ Studio</b>	Living Units/Month	21.44	21.44
<b>Animal Shelter</b>	Per Account/Month	88.74	88.74
<b>Service Stations</b>	# of Service Bays/Month	43.30	43.30

\*\*per billing unit

## NON-RESIDENTIAL SYSTEM REPLACEMENT RATES\*\*

UNIT	CURRENT RATES	FY 2020-21	
<b>Effective Dates</b>		<b>7/1/20</b>	
<b>Motel w/o Kitchen</b>	Per Living Unit/Month	\$2.14	\$4.79
<b>Motel w/ Kitchen</b>	Per Living Unit/Month	2.79	6.24
<b>Campsite w/ Sewer</b>	# of Sites/Month	4.28	9.57
<b>Campsite w/o Sewer</b>	# of Sites/Month	3.74	8.37
<b>Other Business</b>	# of Fixture Units/Month	0.85	1.90
<b>Markets</b>	# of Fixture Units/Month	1.50	3.36
<b>Laundries</b>	# of 10lb Machines/Month	3.51	7.84
<b>Restaurants &amp; Bars</b>			
Inside Seating	# of Seats/Month	0.66	1.47
Outside Seating	# of Seats/Month	0.22	0.48
<b>Theatres</b>	# of Seats/Month	0.08	0.19
<b>Churches</b>	# of Seats/Month	0.08	0.19
<b>Barber Shops</b>	# of Service Chairs/Month	2.26	5.04
<b>Beauty Shops</b>	# of Service Chairs/Month	3.74	8.37
<b>Schools</b>	# of Seats/Month	0.01	0.03
<b>Marina Boat Pumping Facility</b>	Per Facility/Month	7.42	16.58
<b>Swimming Pools</b>	Per Pool/Month	1.70	3.81
<b>Snack Bars</b>	# of Fixture Units/Month	0.66	1.47
<b>Motel Res/ Stock Coop/ Studio</b>	Living Units/Month	5.67	12.68
<b>Animal Shelter</b>	Per Account/Month	23.48	52.47
<b>Service Stations</b>	# of Service Bays/Month	11.46	25.60

\*\*per billing unit

MULTI-RESIDENTIAL RATES

COMMERCIAL RATES

# MONTHLY WATER RATES

SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL RATES

CURRENT RATES		FY 2020-21
Effective Date		7/1/20
<b>Fixed (\$/month) Base</b>		
Base	\$32.68	\$33.50
System Replacement	28.17	28.76
State/Federal Mandate	1.48	1.53
<b>Proposed Variable (\$/1,000 gallons)</b>		
0 - 8,000 gallons	\$2.65	\$2.72
> 8,000 - 20,000 gallons	2.85	2.92
> 20,000 gallons	3.11	3.19

COMMON METER RATES (Irrigation)

CURRENT RATES		FY 2020-21
Effective Date		7/1/20
<b>Fixed (\$/month) Base</b>		
¾"	\$17.39	\$17.82
1"	30.44	31.20
1 ½"	78.28	80.24
2"	118.28	121.24
3"	208.74	213.96
4"	325.30	333.43
6"	579.61	594.10
<b>System Replacement</b>		
¾"	\$28.17	\$29.42
1"	50.24	51.50
1 ½"	129.20	132.43
2"	195.23	200.11
3"	344.53	353.14
4"	536.91	550.34
6"	956.67	980.58
State/Federal Mandate	\$1.48	\$1.53
<b>Variable (\$/1,000 gallons)</b>		
0 - 41,000 gal	\$3.05	\$3.13
41,000 gal and greater	3.40	3.48

CURRENT RATES		FY 2020-21
Effective Date		7/1/20
<b>Fixed (\$/month) Base</b>		
¾"	\$63.49	\$65.08
1"	111.15	113.93
1 ½"	285.84	292.98
2"	431.90	442.70
3"	762.21	781.26
4"	1,187.82	1,217.51
6"	2,116.45	2,169.36
<b>System Replacement</b>		
¾"	\$28.17	\$28.76
1"	44.27	45.19
1 ½"	113.83	116.20
2"	172.00	175.58
3"	303.53	309.84
4"	473.03	482.86
6"	939.01	958.53
State/Federal Mandate	\$1.48	\$1.53
<b>Variable (\$/1,000 gallons) Tiers Vary By Meter Size</b>		
Tier 1	\$2.62	\$2.68
Tier 2	2.72	2.78
Tier 3	2.97	3.05

CURRENT RATES		FY 2020-21
Effective Date		7/1/20
<b>Fixed (\$/month) Base</b>		
¾"	\$48.22	\$49.42
1"	84.41	86.52
1 ½"	217.08	222.50
2"	328.00	336.20
3"	578.85	593.32
4"	902.08	924.63
6"	1,607.31	1,647.50
<b>System Replacement</b>		
¾"	\$28.17	\$28.76
1"	44.27	45.19
1 ½"	113.83	116.20
2"	172.00	175.58
3"	303.53	309.84
4"	473.03	482.86
6"	939.01	958.53
State/Federal Mandate	\$1.48	\$1.53
<b>Variable (\$/1,000 gallons) Tiers Vary By Meter Size</b>		
Tier 1	\$2.63	\$2.69
Tier 2	2.80	2.87
Tier 3	2.94	3.01

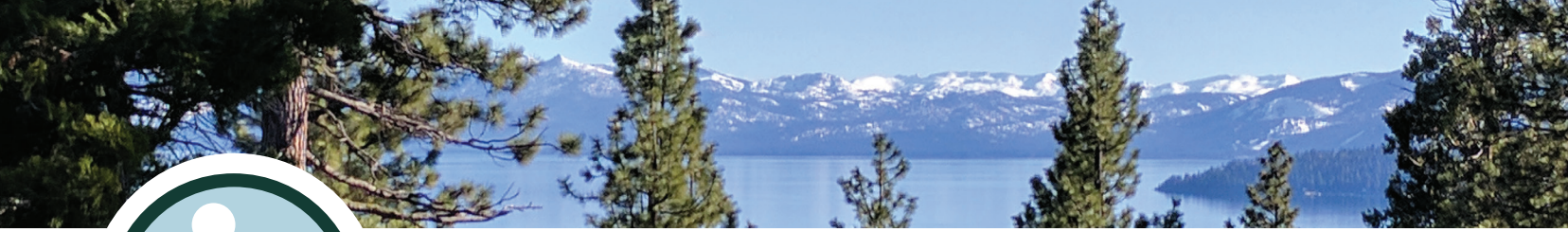
MULTI-RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL CLASSES

METER SIZE	TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3
¾"	0 - 6,000 gal	6,000 - 41,000 gal	41,000 gal & greater
1"	0 - 11,000 gal	11,000 - 46,000gal	46,000 gal & greater
1 ½"	0 - 27,000 gal	27,000 - 116,000 gal	116,000 gal & greater
2"	0 - 41,000 gal	41,000 - 134,000 gal	134,000 gal & greater
3"	0 - 72,000 gal	72,000 - 161,000 gal	161,000 gal & greater
4"	0 - 112,000 gal	112,000 - 261,000 gal	261,000 gal & greater
6"	0 - 200,000 gal	200,000 - 460,000 gal	460,000 gal & greater




..... FIRE PROTECTION SYSTEM RATES (Per Fire Line Size) .....

CURRENT RATES		FY 2020-21
Effective Date		7/1/20
<b>Fixed (\$/month)</b>		
¾"	\$2.70	\$2.77
1"	3.60	3.69
1 ½"	5.40	5.54
2"	7.20	7.38

CURRENT RATES		FY 2020-21
Effective Date		7/1/20
<b>Fixed (\$/month)</b>		
3"	\$10.80	\$11.07
4"	14.40	14.76
6"	21.60	22.14
8"	28.80	29.52



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# CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

## Sewer & Water Rate Increase

If you would like additional information, please visit [ntpud.org](http://ntpud.org) or call (530) 546-4212.

## COVID-19 Rate Relief Credit Program

The North Tahoe Public Utility District (NTPUD) is offering a one-time account credit to provide temporary relief to customers who have been financially impacted by COVID -19. All residential and commercial water and sewer customers with a primary residence or business address in the District's service area are eligible. Find out if you qualify at [ntpud.org/covid](http://ntpud.org/covid).

*Para recibir esta información en español, comuníquese con el Distrito.*

### AN IMPORTANT NOTE

There are two private water companies, **Agate Bay Water Company** and **Fulton Water Company**, that operate within the service boundaries of the North Tahoe Public Utility District. Customers served by either of these companies will only be impacted by the proposed sewer rate increase, not the proposed water rate increase.

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