



BANGOR WATER

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Bangor Water plans to file an application with the Maine Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) for a change in domestic and fire protection charges to take effect in 2023. Our last rate adjustment was in 2021. This rate change is necessary to fund major projects which will improve the reliability of our water system, address inflationary impacts on materials and labor, and maintain a quality workforce in a competitive labor market.

Our Challenges, Our Investments

We provide an essential service ensuring public health protection through safe and reliable drinking water. In order to constantly meet this mission, it requires infrastructure investments. The District has and continues to make solid improvements in its system.

- This year we completed the upgrade to our ozone treatment plant. This multi-year multi-million-dollar project will improve efficiency and treat water reliably for decades to come.
- Our Venture Way water storage facility and Maine Avenue pump station are 78 years old; our Hammond Street standpipe is almost 60 years old. We have begun a multi-year project to consolidate to one standpipe and construct a new pump station.
- In Bangor’s system, 42 miles (22 percent) of our 191 miles of water mains are over 100 years old and are past their useful life. The typical cost for water line replacement is \$2,000,000 per mile.

These and other projects are part of our continuing stewardship of the water system, in line with our long-term capital investment program.

	Proposed Rate for Bangor Water Residential Customers		
	Current Water Bill	New Water Bill	Increase Per Day
QUARTERLY Minimum bill	\$50.36	\$55.30	5¢
QUARTERLY Average Bill	\$77.32	\$84.90	8¢

Our Rates

With this rate adjustment, our minimum residential user (typically a one-person household) using 75 gallons a day will pay 61¢ per day. That’s only \$18.43 a month for all your water uses.

If approved, the change takes effect on January 1.

Our proposed rates will still be among the lowest in Maine (27th lowest out of 114 water utilities).

What’s Next?

The formal notice for the rate filing is on the reverse, and contains additional information on rate changes as well as opportunities for customers to participate. This process also involves the MPUC which reviews our revenue and expense projections, and the reasonableness of our rates.

Questions?

For more information: www.bangorwater.org (207) 947-4516 extension 1

BANGOR WATER DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PROCEEDING

November 1, 2022

Bangor Water District hereby notifies its customers that a proposed increase in rates has been filed with the Maine Public Utilities Commission. The proposed rate adjustment is being filed pursuant to section 6104 of Title 35-A of the Maine Revised Statutes.

The Bangor Water District is proposing an increase in current water rates to become effective January 1, 2023. The current rates have been in effect since October 1, 2021. The proposed rates provide an increase in revenue of approximately \$802,702 (9.8 percent). The rate change will be the same for all customer classes, and the revenues from public fire protection, fire sprinkler systems, and private hydrants will increase 9.8 percent.

The minimum bill will increase \$1.65 per month, for a quarterly charge of \$55.30. The average residential bill will increase \$2.53 per month, for a quarterly charge of \$84.90.

A public hearing, pursuant to 35-A MRSA § 6104, will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2022 from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chambers at City Hall in Bangor. The hearing will give customers the opportunity to testify, pose questions, and make comments regarding the proposed water rate increase. Customers have the right to an open and fair hearing, and to further hearings before the Maine Public Utilities Commission. Customers may petition the Commission to investigate the proposed water rate change; signatures on customer petitions filed pursuant to 35-A MRSA § 6104 (7) are invalid unless accompanied by the printed names and addresses of the signers. Pursuant to 35-A MRSA § 6104(7), the petition must include the signatures of at least 1,000 customers of the Bangor Water District and be submitted within 30 days of the public hearing. Bangor Water District will, upon request, provide customers with petition forms that include spaces for signatures and the printed names and addresses of the signers. Customers may also request assistance from the Public Advocate, State House Station 112, Augusta, ME 04333, or telephone (207) 287-2445, or www.maine.gov/mpuc.

Materials supporting the water rate change are available at the District's office, 614 State Street, Bangor, Monday–Friday (excluding holidays) between 7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Customers have the right and are encouraged to review these materials and to request information relating to present and proposed rates.